

Ste Natters Matters issue 112. 1st July 2018.

Our services start at **11.00**. We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and a bring and share lunch afterwards.

- 1st July** - Prayer & Praise with Communion, Revd Gerrald Rootham
- 8th July 3.30** IAM Prayer at the Campbells.
- 15th July** Prayer & Praise Sheila Campbell.
- 22nd July** Prayer & Praise David Albrecht.
- 29th July** Prayer & Praise Sheila Campbell.



Prov 22: 11. He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for a friend.

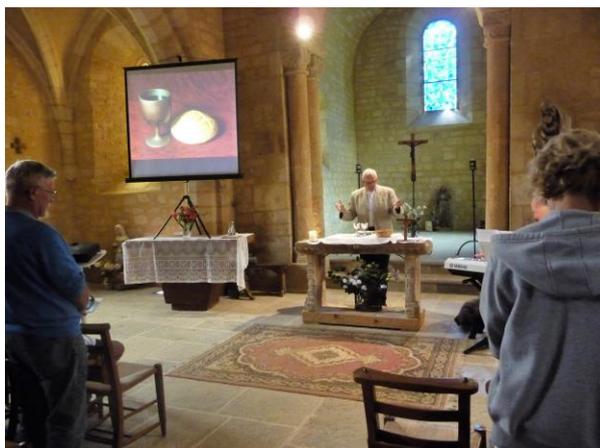
17th June Prayer & Praise with Communion Tony Lomas

Tony opened his sermon by asking: If I stood here with a sandwich board that said ‘The world is going to end today’ or ‘the Lord is coming in judgement.’ Would it change how you lived this day? What is it that makes us think the world isn’t going to end tomorrow? Well there is reason, logic, science that says it is a continuous cycle and tradition that things have always worked the same way. This gives us evidence that tomorrow will come the same as it did today. But we don’t know. We live by faith that there will be a tomorrow. Some things are easier to believe than others. ‘The sun will rise tomorrow’, even though they don’t understand it, is easier for some to believe, than to believe in the existence of God.

We walk by faith and not by sight. God’s guidance with us can be tangible. I’m reminded of a blind man using a guide dog so he can go to lots of places. There is a bond of trust between them. The guide dogs effectiveness would be reduced if the man wanted to keep some control. We need to wholly trust the Spirit. We impede God if we keep hold of parts of our lives and gifts. We need to take the God given gift and let go of it. To burry that seed in the dirt of this world. A seed planted stays in darkness, adsorbs nutrients and moisture. We don’t know how long it takes or what exactly transforms the seed. We have faith that something does grow from the seed.

When we came to know God, a seed was planted by someone, in you. A passing influence can have a profound affect. If it doesn’t die, it can’t have abundance of life. To live in Christ we share in Christ’s death. We die to our old life, before we can be born again and transformed. If we reject the bad stuff in the dark, we can’t accept the Grace of God and have new life. Below the ground we have dark moments but there is new life on the outside.

The parable of the tiny mustard seed growing into a huge tree that gives shelter, illustrates how vast God’s transformation is, it is beyond our reason. We need to allow God to work in us. We have confidence that God will always work good in us. Life is hugely rewarding when we trust him. Pray for the strength and courage to agree to this transformation.



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The best laid plans can go wrong, thankfully Glenn had put the songs on the computer, even though Tony had put the service on his memory stick, which was inadvertently left behind. Thank you very much Phil for coming to play for us. All was well and the Lord was exalted. We had 2 couples who had been before while holidaying in the area and Philip who has moved near Brive, who stayed to lunch. Praise the Lord for the table of bounty he spreads before us.



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A testimony given by Gordon and Deidre Lightbody. Five years ago they came to Ste Nats while on holiday with their daughter and her friend. During the service the friend just sat in a reverend moment. A seed was sewn. Now she and their daughter are 22 and training to be a nurses. The friend suggested that they find a church where they can dance. They are now evangelists in Cork. They started a Christian Union on a Wed night with 10 – 15 and now there are 50 – 60 attending. They have been contacted by Alpha and hope to be working with them. So you never know when a seed will be planted or how long it will take to germinate but look out for the harvest!

Isaiah 55: 8-12 V11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Jeff kindly manned a stall at the Vide Grenier at Meyrals which raised 54€ for our charity in Nepal. Well done and also thanks to Anne who helped.

Our next service which is a usual 3rd Sunday is the start of our weekly services to the end of August. Leaflets are available on the welcome table and help is needed to distribute them weekly to the local campsites.

'Intercession, Adoration, Ministry' I AM Prayer Group.

We invite you to join us on 8th July 3.30 to pray for Ste Nathalène family and the Chaplaincy at the home of Colin & Sheila Campbell, Phone 05 53 59 68 78 for directions. There will be no meeting during our summer weekly services.

*"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world, there is no possible term of comparison."
Nepoleon Bonaparte.*



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John 14:12 “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing (miracles). He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.”

I saw a Red Admiral butterfly walking on the outside of a window frame. It looked so strange, not to see it flying about resting on flowers. The next day I saw another one walking on the grass, it seemed so out of character.

I can't help feeling that our Father probably looks at us and thinks - why are they walking in defeat, when I've set them free and given them the power of the Spirit to walk in victory and to do what Jesus did and more?

Prov 22: 17-18. Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.



Our purpose in life is to
love our Father, believe in his Son and listen to his Spirit.



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**BY THE WORD OF THE LORD WERE THE HEAVENS MADE,
THEIR STARRY HOST BY THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH. PSALM 33:6.**