



Life Church



Doncaster

July 2024

6th July The Community is coming together at “Harry’s 40’s Day” to celebrate the life of Harry Peace who was a member at our Treasure Kids in Kirk Sandall. We have been asked to be there, as we were a part of his life.

Help is required to set up and staff our church marquee at Barnby Dunn Cricket Ground from 8:30am to 3.00pm (Gala opens 10.00am).

6th-13th July, We have a team joining us from USA to work with us in a week of mission. They will be taking the Sunday service on 7th July and working with local schools during the week. In particular, a big push will be made in Stainforth with the team in the local school and running after school clubs at the Community Resource Centre on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please pray that the team has a massive impact and we know what we need to do next to see lives transformed. Please see Pastor Daniel for more details.

Sunday 21st July 6:30 pm – Passion for Doncaster, City Wide Worship, Powerhouse Church, Christ Church, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HG



Scarborough Coach Trip Sunday 28th July

Please note that there will be no church service on Sunday 28th July. We have organised a coach trip to Scarborough with the idea of taking as many families from Stainforth as we can to help build a rapport and relationship with them. The coach will be picking up at Stainforth Community Resource Centre at 9:30 am and leaving Scarborough at 6 pm. Spaces are available for you to book. For the cost and booking see either Les or Alison. We want to take a full coach.

Advance Notices: help required

Sunday 4th August –Stainforth Gala from 11 am. This is a great opportunity to reach into and be present in the Stainforth Community. We will be having a short service at the Community Resource Centre at 9 am before setting up. Please let Les know if you are available to help.

Prayer: We will be praying in the various communities God has called us to during the month of August. Please listen out for details.

Regular Weekly Programme

Sunday Morning Service 10.00am-11:30am With GIG for children 5-13 and Tiddlywinks for pre-school children except in the summer holidays. Contact les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Mid-Week Life Groups usually 7.30-8.30pm. *Please ask for details.*

Wednesday Treasure Kids Club: 4:00-5:30pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Edenthorpe Community Centre, Cedric Road. *Please contact:* les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Thursday Treasure Kids Club: 4.15-5.30pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Dentons Green Lane Assembly Hall, Kirk Sandall. *Please contact:* alison@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Friday Treasure Kids Club: 4.30-5.45pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Community Resource Centre, Stainforth. *Please contact:* alison@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Friday Youth Group 7.30pm for those aged 11-18, term-time only. Edenthorpe Community Centre, Cedric Road, Edenthorpe. *Please contact* dan@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk for information.

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Footnote



“If you love Christ, never be ashamed to let others see it and know it.

Speak for Him. Witness for Him. Live for Him.”

J.C.Ryle

“Unstoppable”

The name of the first Christian martyr is one of the questions that occasionally turns up in a trivia quiz. Do you know the answer?

His brief story is found in the Book of Acts chapters 6-7 and his name was Stephen. Before his name was known by us he was known for his humble service in the ranks of the growing church in Jerusalem. Known for being “full of the Spirit and wisdom” and “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit”, he was chosen to serve as a deacon. We are not told anything about his background, education, social standing or family, only about his faith and gifting.

Because he was performing signs and wonders “through God’s grace and power”,¹ we read that he was challenged by traditional Jewish believers who began to argue with him. However, “they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by which he spoke.”²



The word martyr comes from the Greek word for witness and this puts an added edge to Jesus’ words to his disciples, “you will be my witnesses.”³

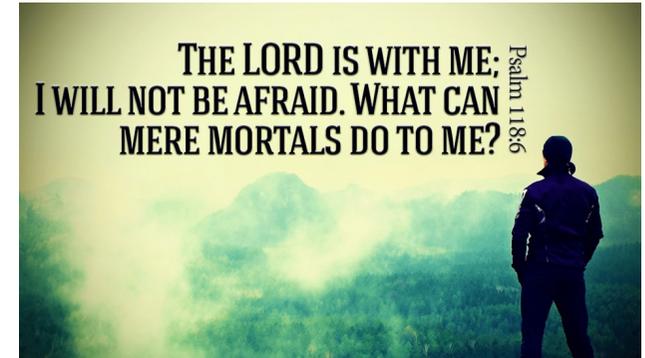
However, usually a witness

is simply one who honestly recounts what they know and what they have seen. The author of Hebrews describes how we are all “surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses”;⁴ men and women who walked by faith, whatever the personal cost. “The world was not worthy of them ... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.”⁵

If we have already received all that God has planned then there is no need for faith. Instead, like these witnesses, we keep our eyes on the heavenly fulfilment of God’s promises and keep walking by faith not by sight.⁶ This is a common theme through the letters of Paul.

“Therefore ... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.”⁷ “Let us now become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”⁸

What can we learn from Stephen’s example? He was chosen by others to take a position of responsibility, he didn’t promote himself. Whatever he was doing before



his appointment as a deacon, what qualified him was that he was known to be a man of faith, filled with the Spirit and wise in his conduct. We know that he put that faith into action, demonstrating God’s grace and power in his ministry among the people, because wonders and signs followed.⁹ And, from his words to the Sanhedrin when he was on trial for his life, we know that he knew his Bible as he presented the sad account of Israel’s faithlessness. And we know he was a man who had boldness and courage when it came to the point. In the spirit of the disciples’ prayer, he did not shrink from speaking out: “Now Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.”¹⁰

Such a commitment to God is unstoppable. As God promised Joshua, on the borders of the Land of Promise, “No one will be able to stand up against you.”¹¹ “If God is for us, who can be against us?”¹²

Refs: ¹ Acts 6:8; ² Acts 6:10; ³ Acts 1:8; ⁴ Heb.12:1; ⁵ Heb.11:38-39; ⁶ 2 Cor.4:18; 5:8; ⁷ 1 Cor.15:58; ⁸ Gal.6:9; ⁹ See Mk.16:20; ¹⁰ Acts 4:29; ¹¹ Josh.1:5; ¹² Rom.8:31