



# Link Up!

**‘Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.’ 1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Coming up in June:**

**On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** we will be looking at Acts 6 and the subject of Servant Leadership. \*

**To complete the month of June, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** we will be holding one of our Combined Services with Parkstone Baptist Church. This will be held at Parkstone Baptist Church, Loch Road, Parkstone. If anyone needs transport to get to Loch Road, then please do talk to one of the deacons.

**Church Members’ Meeting**

**\*After the service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** we will be holding our regular Church Members’ Meeting. Bring lunch with you and we will provide drinks. The agenda for the meeting will be sent out in advance of the meeting along with any relevant paperwork.

*Don’t give up*, are the words which came to mind a few weeks ago after a very windy sail. I was uncertain as to whether the race would go ahead as it was gusting 24 knots and showed no sign of dropping. The race team decided to go ahead although, soon after the start, a run of capsizes resulted in a fair few boats retiring.

I experienced a few near capsizes myself during the first lap but surviving the tacks and gybes gave me the confidence to continue.

After about forty minutes weariness began to set in. I was certain the race would be finished after the second lap and having completed my last tricky gybe – the manoeuvre where most duckings happen, I reassured myself with the fact that I had just one leg to go. As I crossed the start/finish line I was aware I hadn’t received the usual hooter signal. I kept going for a bit, convincing myself that the race officer must have forgotten... or maybe I just didn’t hear, and then I went ashore. It didn’t take me long to discover I had only done two of the required three laps and so had not completed the race. There was no shortened course and so would therefore be marked down as retired. I was furious with myself. I might just as well have given up at the start of the race – the results would have been exactly the same.

**Coming up in July**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** will be our Prayer & Communion Service when we will be looking at Saul's Conversion in Acts 9

**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, Ken will be taking a Sunday off and so Janet Matterface will be leading the service and preaching on Acts 10 – Peter & Cornelius.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July** we will be looking at Acts 12 – The Death of Herod Agrippa

**And on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**, we will be looking at Acts 14 - Paul & Barnabas being mistaken for Zeus and Hermes.

**Election Reminder**

I still have available to forward on to anyone who like a copy The Joint Public Issues Team Election briefing. This is also available on <https://jpit.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/202405-Election-issues-briefing.pdf>

The Christian Institute's Election Briefing is also available from their website. You can find it on <https://www.christian.org.uk/general-election-2024/> I can forward this to you but as it is quite a long document, I can't offer to print it for you. I'll have one printed copy that they are going to send me if anyone wants to borrow it. It analyses the main parties' records on various moral issues that Christians care about.

On reflection, the next day, I could see comparisons with my Christian walk. Sometimes things get tough. It's easy to complain, to give up.

When Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten and thrown into prison what did they do? They worshipped God in their situation – and ...

**Acts 16:26**

*Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.*



The above picture is of me, crossing the start/finish line just a few days ago. I capsized twice but at least this time I'd seen the race through!

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