



**WELCOME:** We are here to celebrate God's Love and share with others the GOOD NEWS of:



## Newsletter – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

Today's preacher is Rev David Jewell

Today's Scripture: **James 1 v 1-18**

### Men's BBQ

The Men's BBQ (on **26th June**) sign up sheet is in the chapel lobby. Any men not around for the next couple of weeks can contact Jackie or Rod to add their name to the list.



We are still looking for someone to be on point for the chapel for **Health and Safety Activities**. Several external sources of help and expertise have been identified by various people, which would make the in house role much easier, but these sources of help would need someone to deal with from within the chapel community. Please contact Rod or David if you would be prepared to look at this role.



### Dates for your Diary

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Men's BBQ, Rod & Jackie's

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Ladies BBQ, Rod & Jackie's

**6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Creation Fest, Wadebridge, Cornwall

**16-18 April 2027:** Church Weekend, Lee Abbey

'Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.' Isaiah 58 v 10

### The challenges of following Jesus

We are beginning to study the letter of James in the sermons I take. He is a straight talker, but this can be of great benefit to us. His central theme is that following Jesus is both deeply rewarding and, at times, greatly challenging. Perhaps that should not surprise us. Jesus never promised an easy road. He spoke honestly about taking up our cross, loving our enemies, forgiving those

who hurt us, and choosing faithfulness over comfort. Living as a Christian can sometimes feel like swimming against the tide of modern life. We may struggle with doubt, disappointment, unanswered prayer, or the pressure to fit in with the world around us. There are days when faith feels costly.

Yet alongside the challenges come remarkable joys. There is the joy of knowing we are loved by God, not because we are perfect, but because of His grace. In a world where so much depends on success, appearance, or achievement, the gospel reminds us that our worth is rooted in being children of God. There is peace in knowing that we do not walk through life alone. Christ promises, “I am with you always.”

There is also joy in Christian fellowship. Churches are never perfect, because they are made up of ordinary people, but they can become places of encouragement, friendship, prayer, and practical care. Often it is in difficult seasons that we discover the strength of belonging to God’s family. Being a Christian also brings the joy of purpose. Faith invites us to look beyond ourselves and to live with compassion, generosity, and hope. Small acts of kindness, a listening ear, a prayer for someone struggling, or quiet faithfulness in everyday life can all become part of God’s work in the world.

And perhaps above all, Christians live with hope. Not a vague optimism that everything will automatically turn out well, but a confidence that God is at work even in hard times. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that darkness and despair never have the final word. The Christian journey contains both crosses and celebrations, tears and thanksgiving. Yet through it all, God remains faithful — patiently shaping us, strengthening us, and leading us onward in faith, hope, and love.

May God bless you,

David

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