

Outlook

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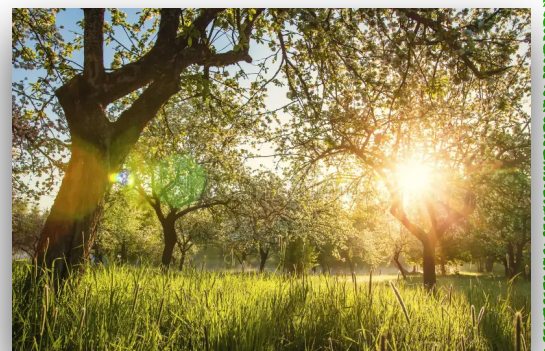
Acts 3:8

Our story from the book of Acts today involves a quite remarkable miracle. In it we meet a man who, *"was lame from birth"* but then, through prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, *"instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk."*

What are we to make of an amazing episode like this? There are many inevitable questions, such as: *Does God still heal today? And if so, why don't we seem to see such works of power?* These questions are worthy of serious consideration, but there are perhaps even deeper truths to contemplate that this story sheds a light on. Romans 4:17 tells us that Jesus reveals, *"the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not."* Today's story is yet another example of God's desire to bring fullness of life into our broken world; how sin is the fundamental issue to be addressed; how Jesus' death and resurrection are God's solution for our sin, and also; our need to repent and follow him alone. His desire is to bring life where there has been death, and a story like this helps illustrate all Jesus came to achieve.

A Collect for this Week

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Acts 3:1-10, 19-21

1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon.

2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!' **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his

feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **20** and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. **21** Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Luke 18:1-8

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

4 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what

people think, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

Jayne Martin's Quiz Night: 7pm Sat 1st Nov in All Saints'



Jayne is hosting another of her fun quiz nights on Saturday 1st November. The cost is £8/person and includes supper. Please bring your own drinks. All profits will go to Eastleigh Basics Bank. Teams of up to 7 people. For more info speak to Jayne on 07557 273 554.

Light Party: October 31st



Naomi will be coordinating our annual **Light Party on 31st Oct**. Can you help with face painting; serving hot dogs & other refreshments; running games; skittles; crafts; etc? Let **Naomi** know if you can help.

Study Leave for Ian & Sabbatical for Sue



Having served in the parish for 12 years, Ian has been given permission to take 3 months of study leave in May-June-July 2026. Sue too will step down from all her duties during this time. The PCC are fully behind Ian & Sue in this and wish them a great time of refreshment & revitalisation.

All Souls: 5pm Sun 2nd Nov



Each year we hold a service to give thanks to God for those whom we have loved but have now died. We call this service "All Souls" and it will be held at 5pm on Sunday 2nd November. There is a draft list of names (that we plan to read out during the service) that can be seen/checked. It is on the PCC noticeboard in All Saints'. Please feel free to add the names of loved ones you'd like to remember.

Planning Ahead for Advent/Christmas: A Few Helpful Dates



Why not take a minute to put these dates in your calendar now? (And who might you invite?)

- 6:30pm Tuesday 9th December: **Carols on the Green** with a brass band (!) outside St Francis'
- 11:00am Sunday 14th December: **No Rehearsal Nativity**
- 4:00pm Sunday 21st December: **Christmas, Carols & Cake**

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Gardening at All Saints'



For many years Richard J has done a great job of caring for the gardens surrounding All Saints'. As this year's growing season draws to a close, Richard is going to step down from these duties. Might you be able to take up this role? Or commit to helping in a particular way with the gardens once things start growing again in 2026 (*lawns; hedges; flower beds, etc.*)? Please let Keith (Church Warden) know if you can help.

New Wine Celebration: TONIGHT 6:30pm Sun 19th Oct



The regional New Wine team have organised for another celebration event to take place in All Saints' at 6:30pm on Sunday 19th October. Please do consider coming along... **and is there anyone who might be able to run refreshments for us?** Let Ian/Sue know.



A Few Questions from Acts Chapter 3



v1 talks about Peter & John going "*up to the temple at the time of prayer*" - which shows their continuing connections to the Jewish roots of their faith in Jesus Christ.

- Do you think there may be dangers in either denying **or** over-emphasising the Jewish roots of the Christian faith? If so, what might they be?
- Are there any aspects of our Jewish roots that you have found to be helpful in your walk as a disciple of Christ? If so, how have they helped you follow him more closely?

v8 is a fulfilment of a promise from Isaiah 35:6. It is Jesus who fulfilled the promise, but it was through the Church that the promise was declared.

- What are some of the other promises the Bible makes that have **already** been fulfilled in Christ?
- How might you personally and we (the Church) corporately declare or make known those promises where we live? (*Please try to be specific!*)

v21 talks about the future return of Jesus.

- What hints or details does today's reading give us about the future return of Jesus? What exactly has been promised?