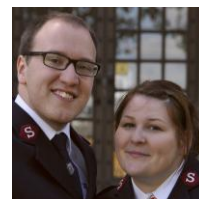


Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship, and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Sunday 29th January 2017
Church Health Check-Up (Part Three)
'Costly Calling'
Matthew 16:24-28



Callum, Berri & Henry are on holiday this week, they will be back next Sunday, if there is any urgent matter please phone Anne & Richard 07951 000089

Good morning & welcome to worship.

I once found this inside a Christmas cracker:

Q: 'What does an accountant's spouse do if they can't sleep at night?'

A: 'They turn and ask their spouse to tell them about their work!'

Accountants might sometimes be the butt of jokes, but to some extent we're all interested in their work, and many of us too spend a lot of our time 'counting the cost' of the things we invest our money, our time and our energy in. 'Counting the cost' is about adding various factors together and then asking the question, 'Is it worth it?'. A few years back, I added up the cost of a month's worth of coffee's on my daily commute and take-away lunches whilst working...and it certainly wasn't worth it!

This morning's Bible reading encourages us to count the cost. Jesus tells those who wish to follow him that doing so will be costly. It won't be an easy ride and it will involve sacrifice on our part. The question for us today then is, 'Is it worth it?' We're continuing to explore what a 'healthy' Church looks like. Last week, we identified that healthy Churches 'Live laws of Love' by embracing Jesus' commandments to love God and one another. This week, we will see how healthy Churches follow a 'Costly Calling' by seeking to understand what God wants for them, and then by facing the cost that comes as a result.

Today also marks the conclusion of the Annual 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,' we welcome Phil Haines from the South Kent Community Church who will be speaking this morning.

God bless

Callum

Prayer Requests Please...

Please remember those of our corps family who are unwell, Milly Jones- who is still far from well and in a great deal of pain and discomfort ; Ted Knivett- Who is undergoing tests for his heart; Roy and Patricia Whitewood- Who are awaiting tests and results. Pray that they feel God's blessing in their new home; Warren Dowsett- Who is recovering from surgery; Jan Barman- Who has cataract surgery this week (Saturday 21st); Audrey Allen- who is unwell at present; Buddy Back- Who is on antibiotics and unwell, Fred & Beryl Cripps who have both had severe chest infections.



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment, and today we thank **Hilary**. There is a new Flower List on the notice board, please help if you can.

This week

Mon & Tues- Parent & Toddlers

Wednesday- CAMEO 2.30pm

Saturday 4th Feb- Youth Group will be on **Saturday Evening** instead, joining in the East Kent Youth Fellowship at Folkestone Salvation Army for a pancake party! (Sign up with Callum ASAP if interested!)

Coming events

SAVE THE DATE!! "Welcome Wednesday" It's been great to have so many people link up with our Church fellowship over the past twelve months. On **Wednesday 22nd February at 7:30pm**, anybody who has started to link up the past twelve months (or indeed anyone who still feels a bit "new"!) is invited to Berri and Callum's house for an informal get-together with nibbles and an opportunity to meet others and get some more information about the life of the Church. More details to follow.

MAY 27/28 – VISIT OF THE AUS TERRITORIAL YOUTH BAND & Silvie Paladino tickets £9 adult or £3 children - 01303 223925.