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COULD YOU LOVE A
BIN MAN?

TIM



GOD SAYS: "I WILL STRENGTHEN
YOU AND HELP YOU"
ISAIAH 41:10 (NIV)

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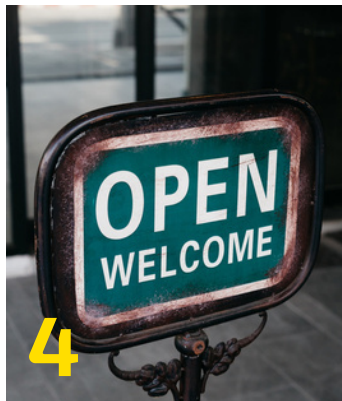
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COULD YOU LOVE A BIN MAN?

Tim takes a look at James 2, and asks whether anyone loves Dusty Binnamen?



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MIDWEEK MEETINGS

Find out when the mid-week meetings are restarting in September.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUN 10AM - MORNING SERVICE

*1st Sunday - Open Service
Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.*

SUN 8PM - PRAYER MEETING (ZOOM)

Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/645605703>

SUN 4PM - MESSY CHURCH

Last Sunday of the month - Messy fun for all ages with food!

TUE 8PM - BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

A chance to informally study together online.
Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/374335724>

MON 10AM-12 - COFFEE POT

A chance to have a chat and a cuppa at the church.

WED 2PM - CAMEO (TERM TIME)

Come and Meet Everyone - a time of fellowship and fun. No two weeks are the same!

THU 8PM - XPLORE (TERM TIME)

Our Youth Group for those in Year 5 and upwards.

SAT 3PM - DCF (2ND SATURDAY)

Disabled Christians Fellowship. An opportunity for all to meet together.

Trustee's Thoughts

Could you love a bin man?

Tim

I mean what's not to love about Dusty? His luscious hair, his eye catching clothing, his muscular physique... maybe not... I mean he must STINK! And he's maybe eaten a pork pie or two too many! But the question still stands, could you love a bin man? Not in that way! I'm not after whether you'd marry him - no - would you *love* him? What if Dusty turned up to church (without the safety of a smell reducing video link) - would you let him sit next to you?

In my Bible reading app I'm looking at James (the book rather than my son) and have got to chapter 2 where James poses a similar question. He questions how we'd treat a rich man and a poor man, and goes on later in the chapter to show how our behaviours expose the 'quality' of our faith. And in verse 8, James looks at the 'Royal Law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself".' Linking how we've treated the different people to this and that if we fall down at this, it's as though we're not following God's and Jesus' instructions at all.

We have looked at the importance of obedience in my recent service from the letters to the churches in Revelation and James' book carries some elements of that through it. James in chapter 2 verse 17 says in the Voice "Without actions, faith is useless. By itself, it's as good as dead." James asserts that our behaviours, decisions and actions are showing the 'quality' of our faith - is it alive or dead? And that comes down to how we treat God and those He puts in our paths.

Do you love God? Do you love Jesus? Do you love the Holy Spirit?

When Simon Peter was asked by Jesus three times whether he loved Him in John 21, each time Peter responded, he was instructed to 'Feed my lambs', 'Take care of my sheep', and to 'Feed my sheep'. Our response to loving God, should be to love our neighbours and to take care of those who God puts in our paths.

We have many opportunities to help our 'neighbours', whether financially like for those at the Annabel School with their need for a water pump or with the local food bank and other local community appeals we'll be having over the next few months. Or maybe through volunteering your time with meetings like DCF or organisations like the Uniform Bank which is celebrating this weekend giving out over 20,000 items since they opened in 2019.

Or maybe, it is just sitting next to that metaphorical binman, that person who others ignore. Showing them God's love through your faith, your actions.

Could you love a bin man?



What's on this month?

Sunday Mornings

Date	Speaker
4th	Dave (Open)
11th	Colin
18th	Steve
25th	John

Prayer Meeting

Date	Speaker
4th	Tim
11th	Dave
18th	John
25th	Ronke

Bible Study

Date	Speaker
6th	Colin
13th	Steve
20th	John
27th	Heather

Notices

Mid-week meetings restart!

Coffee Pot - Monday 5th
CAMEO - Wednesday 7th
Xplore - Thursday 8th

The Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Building Fund. It now stands at £122,683. We find out at the weekend what the 'top-up' will be from the Fun Walk

Sunday School

We're looking at restarting Sunday School for infant aged children in September. This will be initially on the 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays and will involve a story and some colouring. If your children would like to come or you'd like to help please speak to Tim.

Pudding and Quiz night

On the 7th October from 7-10pm the Laindon District Girl Guides are organising a Pudding and Quiz night to help to raise money towards the Annabel School in Uganda (and their need for a water pump at £4000) and the Building Fund. The cost for your tea, coffee, pudding and quiz is £8. If you'd like to attend please email samanthackeeper@hotmail.com or phone 07835 192820.

Update

DCF

DCF (Disabled Christian Fellowship) restarted in August and went really well with 10 people returning for the first meeting since March 2020 and on one of the hottest days of the year!

The Disabled Christian Fellowship meets for worship, sharing, praying, a Bible message and refreshments for about 90 minutes.

It is part of the national DCF network and affiliated to 'Through the Roof'. DCF meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 3pm till 4.30pm

