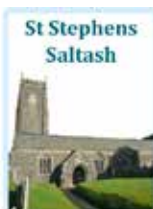
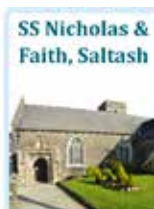
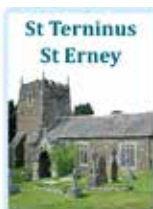
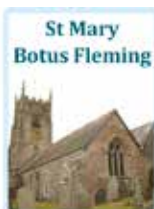


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Blow the Winds Southerly

On Plymouth Hoe stands the Armada memorial which has inscribed on it the words: *He blew with his winds and they were scattered.*

There are, of course, various kinds of winds in our lives. The weather wind that enables sailing ships to glide across the seas; the easterly wind that brings the cold; the spring wind that enables growth to take place in the soil and the pleasing gentle wind that prevents us from over-heating.

Of course, then there is the bodily wind which is best not mentioned.

In her novel *The Gypsy Madonna*, Santa Montefiore tells the tale of a young boy growing up in France immediately after the end of the Second World War. His mother married a German officer and he was the result of their love for each other. During the period of writing she and the boy are ostracised by the local community. Then, following a gale, an American enters the story and befriends the pair. The mother explains this thus: *You know, Mischa, my mother, your grandmother, always said*



that a summer gale was a sign of change.

(Joanna Harris writes of a similar occurrence in her book *Chocolat*, when following a wind, the circumstances of her family change for the good.)

Thinking about winds and changes, I was reminded of this while reading *The Truths We Hold* by Kamala Harris (the

Vice-President of America) who was writing about the disaster and damage caused by the hurricane winds that blew across California, her home state. She also warns of the danger likely to be done through climate change: *climate change will lead to droughts. Droughts will lead to famine. Famine will drive desperate people to leave their homes in search of sustenance.*

Massive flows of displaced people will lead to refugee crisis. Refugee crises will lead to tension and instability across borders.

Some of us of mature age can recall Harold Macmillan's words while on a visit to Africa, speaking of: *a wind of change* rushing across the continent.

Such an occurrence was the

COMING UP

Bacon Buttie Morning

SS Nicholas and Faith Church Rooms
Saturday 12 June,
10am to 1pm



Potatoes and Puds

SS Nicholas and Faith Church Rooms
Sunday 27 June,
Noon to 2pm



Proceeds to
Christian Aid.

All Day Breakfast

St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms
August Saturdays
10am to 2pm



What better way to spend a Saturday morning than having a fantastic breakfast cooked for you?

JUNE SERVICES

Sunday 6 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am All Age Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11am All Age Service

Sunday 13 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

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experience of the disciples as they gathered in the Upper Room following our Lord's resurrection. Suddenly there came a rushing mighty wind that filled the whole house. These uncertain, unsure, frightened men became brave and, leaving the house, went out and proclaimed the gospel to all who would listen. This wind of change empowered them and enabled them to live in the faith of their Lord and Master who brought change.

As Kamala Harris writes when speaking of her early days as a child attending her local church:

I learned that 'faith' is a verb; I believe we must live our faith and show our faith in action.

This is the challenge which faces us daily as we attempt to be true to our Lord and Master, as we live our lives in his service and in the service of others. Faith is not taught it is experienced, it is lived in the day to day contacts we have with those who share this human experience with us. To fear, to ignore the wind of change is to deny the faith that we are called to proclaim through word and deed.
Father Brian

Food and Drink Quiz

1. Which type of beans are used to make baked beans?
2. What does IPA stand for?
3. Bobotie is the national dish of which country?
4. Which year did *The Great British Bake Off* first appear on TV?
5. Which type of flower does the spice saffron come from?
6. A Whitby bun is flavoured with what?
7. Gruyère is a cheese from which country?
8. What are the two main ingredients in the dish cullen skink?
9. Eccles cakes come from which UK county?
10. Shirley, Ailsa Craig and Mr Stripey are all types of what?
11. Which French city is known for the fish stew bouillabaisse?
12. A magnum holds two standard bottles (75cl) of champagne, a rehoboam holds six, but how many bottles of champagne in a nebuchadnezzar?



Answers on p5



Ascension Day 13 May 2021

Picture the scene. A cold, wet, dull spring day. Not at all what one expects at this time of the year. And there have been so many of them too! Not a gardening day today so the dahlias and pelargoniums as well as the bedding plants will have to wait for another day before they are transferred to their respective plots for the hoped for floral display in the summer months. So what to do today? Lockdowns have had, and still have, their necessary grip on so many aspects of life that the 'things to do' list is getting shorter. A voice speaks and says, 'There is always that bottom drawer of the filing cabinet which needs sorting.' Now, the bottom drawer of the filing cabinet hasn't been looked in since we moved, or more precisely wasn't looked in before we moved five years ago. I do recall in the months before we left Saltash going through the Team Ministry office filing cabinets: disposing of dated and irrelevant material, in the hope of leaving everything tidy and easily accessible for my successor. But the personal stuff? No, that just got moved, and left until some rainy day.

Well last week, over five years since leaving Saltash, the rainy day finally arrived! I would not describe myself as a prevaricator, but there was just something about the contents of that drawer. Girding our loins with determination and perseverance we set forth ... and

uncovered a treasure trove of memories of time, places and people.

There was a Great Mills (remember them?), plastic bag stuffed with congratulation cards from our wedding nearly thirty years ago. There were invoices (all paid), for music lessons, and LAMDA Speech Exam fee statements as well as school reports on Lydia's progress at Bishop Cornish, Saltash .net, Durham university and other

held other 'delights' including my business accounts from life before Ordination, notices of first appointment as a Priest in Charge in West Cumbria, and much of Alison's life in Guiding was also contained, along with a lot more, in that drawer. Well, it's all been edited, the shredder has been put to use, Lydia has been given everything that refers to her (what becomes of it is for her to decide), and much of the content has been returned to where we found it!

What is left is all neat and tidy. What is left is a lot of memories of places, people and times. What is left is life lived! The memories of various times and situations came flooding back as we read a name, or recalled a date. Times of sorrow and of joy, of study, work and leisure. Of being with people, individuals on their journey through life, and of sharing experiences, hopes and sometimes frustrating circumstances while endeavouring to move forward the life of the church community.

While memory and

life's experiences place me very firmly in those situations, I am of course very well aware that I am now distanced by time and place from them. Other events and circumstances have claimed attention in the meantime, for life goes on in a changed way, with new times and places and with different people. Now though, having been refreshed, I can carry them forward into the future in heart and mind.



educational establishments. There were copies of references people had supplied me with when I applied for the post of Team Vicar in the Saltash Team Ministry. Various education certificates for all three of us came to light, including school reports on Alison and me. There was an invitation from Bishop Tim inviting me to accept the Stall of St Piran as an Honorary Canon in Truro Cathedral. The drawer

I am reminded on this day, Ascension Day, that our Lord, when he departed from the midst of the disciples, took with him memories of people, places and times, of joys and sorrows, of relationships both positive and difficult. In short the experience of life which we all have at one time or another. I am also reminded that in departing he allowed the disciples to take forward their mission, to grow the church and serve the kingdom, something which we as the Christian community across the ages are called to do.

While Jesus left his disciples that day he did not entirely abandon them to their fate. I am with you always was his promise. A promise we acknowledge each time we share in worship as Christ's followers today. The acclamation 'The Lord is here: His Spirit is with us,' is no empty formulaic opening procedure but a statement of belief that Christ Jesus is guiding and directing, present and involved in our group identity and action. People, places and times change but the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in Spirit and Sacrament is with us to take us through all the changes and challenges of this transitory life.

Your memories of times past, of life lived, of relationships experienced are important, they should not be kept in the bottom drawer of a filing cabinet of the mind, but to be celebrated and used to shape our relationships now and our hope in Christ for the future.

May Jesus Christ through the great Pentecost gift of the Holy Spirit be with you, to enrich your days and guide you in his service, and the service of one another.

Yours, with many memories,
Alan Butler

Prayer of the Month

Bob Munro

I can't remember either where or when I found this prayer, but it has been special to me for a number of years, and I have prayed it in what turned out to be very special places for me – main examples being a grotty hotel bedroom next door to a railway station, an eremitic priory dating from the 12th century, Dunkery Beacon, underneath the Handkerchief Tree in Heligan's Sundial Garden and on Higher Port View.

**God of love and peace,
who through the meekness and
humility of your incarnate Son,
brought healing and reconciliation
to the world
by His death on the cross:
grant to us your children
the grace of trust in place of suspicion,
a generous spirit over hardness of heart,
and a will to pursue the common good
in the service of one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

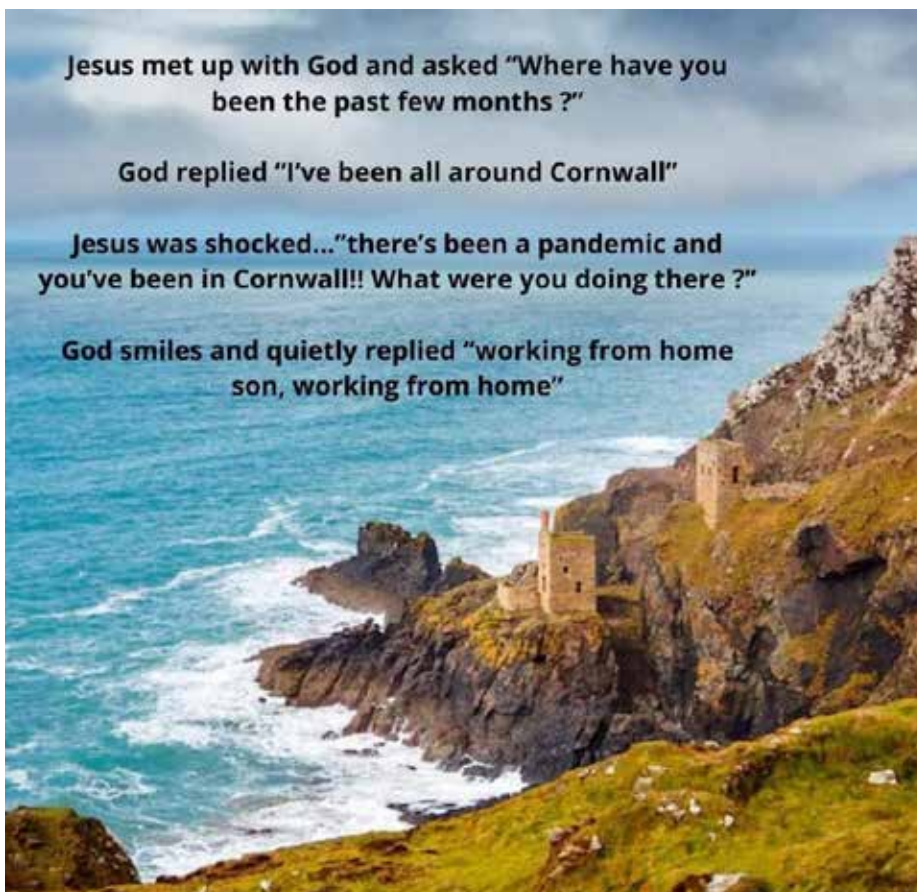


**Jesus met up with God and asked "Where have you
been the past few months?"**

God replied "I've been all around Cornwall"

**Jesus was shocked..."there's been a pandemic and
you've been in Cornwall!! What were you doing there?"**

**God smiles and quietly replied "working from home
son, working from home"**



The Dambusters Raid Remembered



The Dambusters raid was established as one of the most famous allied attacks of the Second World War almost from the moment the wheels of 617 Squadron touched back down on tarmac on 14 May 1943.

In the 75 years since, the raid has entered popular culture through a variety of avenues. It has been the subject of one of the defining British war films, of novels, radio dramas and even used to advertise beer.

From 9.28pm on 16 May, 133 aircrew in 19 Lancasters took off in three waves to bomb three dams in Germany's Ruhr valley. The dams in Germany's Ruhr valley were well fortified, surrounded by torpedo nets and anti-aircraft guns. They were central to the industry of the surrounding area, both as a source of electricity and, naturally, a source of water. Their importance to Germany meant they were well protected against an allied attack.

A 24 year old wing commander named Guy Gibson spearheaded the attack. It took five aircraft to breach the first dam. The remaining aircraft then attacked the second dam – the Eder, which finally collapsed at 1.52am. Meanwhile, aircraft from the two other waves bombed the Sorpe, which survived the raid intact.

Answers to Fod & Drink Quiz on P2.

1. Haricot beans
2. India pale ale
3. South Africa
4. 2010
5. Crocus
6. Lemon
7. Switzerland
8. Smoked haddock and potatoes
9. Lancashire
10. Tomato
11. Marseille
12. Twenty

I would like to thank you all for your support, messages of sympathy, cards and prayers during my sister's illness and passing.
Much appreciated.
Roger Rowse



A June Night

Ten o'clock: the broken moon
Hangs not yet a half hour high,
Yellow as a shield of brass,
In the dewy air of June,
Poised between the vaulted sky
And the ocean's liquid glass.

Earth lies in the shadow still;
Low black bushes, trees, and lawn
Night's ambrosial dews absorb;
Through the foliage creeps a thrill,
Whispering of yon spectral dawn
And the hidden climbing orb.

Higher, higher, gathering light,
Veiling with a golden gauze
All the trembling atmosphere,
See, the rayless disk grows white!
Hark, the glittering billows pause!
Faint, far sounds possess the ear.

Elves on such a night as this
Spin their rings upon the grass;
On the beach the water-fay
Greets her lover with a kiss;
Through the air swift spirits pass,
Laugh, caress, and float away.

Shut thy lids and thou shalt see
Angel faces wreathed with light,
Mystic forms long vanished hence.
Ah, too fine, too rare, they be
For the grosser mortal sight,
And they foil our waking sense.

Yet we feel them floating near,
Know that we are not alone,
Though our open eyes behold
Nothing save the moon's
bright sphere,
In the vacant heavens shown,
And the ocean's path of gold.

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

More > Change by Sarah Yardley

When we say no, we open the door for someone else's yes.

A few years ago, I sat in a café in London with my friend Elizabeth. She was trying to convince me to write a book (I didn't believe I could). She floated a few ideas.... a book on singleness? Or daily rhythms? Her fountain of ideas seemed endless.

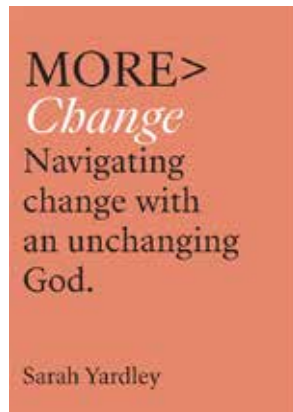
I agreed to pray about writing a book, but left with more questions than answers. On the way out the door, I took a picture of the fun quote in the ladies loos, 'Great things have small beginnings.'

Two weeks later, my friends Evan and Sandy Wickham led worship at an event where I was speaking. He casually mentioned that I should write a book on change, because I had navigated more change than anyone he knew, and done it without cynicism.

Two years later, I finally wrote the book, in a small caravan on Mother Ivey's Bay. And two years later, a book on the topic of change feels.... slightly more relevant than in 2018.

My book comes out in July 2021. It's short, like an EP, and honest, like this past year made all of us. One of the most beautiful parts of the journey of writing is collecting friends along the way. Coming back to my opening line, one of the friends I've collected along the way is Lauren Windle. She's written a beautiful, funny, honest, excellent book on singleness called *Notes on Love*. It comes out from SPCK Publishing in July 2021. It's as radiant as she is, and fun to read.

Our lives are ever-changing. Our God is not. I've walked with Jesus for all my life, but I still find that some days, I am surprised by grace. May we be found, in our settled times and our changing ones, by the unexpected love of God. Great things have small beginnings.



Releasing July 2021 from SPCK Publishing <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/more-change>

Deepen your faith and walk more closely with Christ as you discern the next steps in your journey of discipleship

EVERYONE NEEDS SPACE TO GROW

As a committed Christian, you'll no doubt feel rooted in the life of faith. You'll know what it is to live as Christ's disciple, sharing his Good News in the world. Perhaps now is the time to ask what God is calling you into as you participate in his life. Will you find new ways of serving in the Church and in the world?



The Foundations in Christian Ministry is a one-year part-time programme of formational study that provides space for you to explore your vocation and grow in Christ. You'll learn about the Bible, theology, spirituality, pastoral care and mission. You'll enjoy the fellowship of other Christians at the Study Days. And you'll share in worship and hospitality as you walk together with the Lord.

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Once you finish Foundations in Christian Ministry, you'll have an opportunity to move in all sorts of directions. Some participants discern a call to ordained ministry and begin the process of testing their vocation. Others feel called to the ministry of Licensed Lay Minister and commence training through the South West Ministry Training Course.

Some are called to other forms of lay ministry, such as worship leader, pastoral assistant or missionary. And it may be that you decide licensed ministry isn't for you, but serve God with renewed vigour, sharing the fruits of your growth and learning in your local church and in your everyday life.

Further information can be found here: <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/ministry/mission/>

An application form can be obtained by emailing Melanie Pomery: melanie.pomery@truro.anglican.org



Biodiversity

Issy Hawke, aged 12, wrote this poem as her entry to the Cornwall Council G7 Poetry Competition for young people. Issy is delighted to share her entry with you all, the theme is Biodiversity to highlight Climate Change.

Close your eyes,
That's it, and imagine all types of nature.
The biggest and oldest elephant,
The smallest and youngest ant.
The deepest and most treacherous part of the ocean,
The tallest mountain peak, cased in ice and snow.
That's biodiversity
Open your eyes and blink.

Close your eyes again.
Yes again. And imagine it gone.
The fierce lion pride roaming the Savannah;
Gone.
The freezing cold Arctic;
Gone.
The breathable air provided by trees;
Gone.
The dangerous wonders of the ocean;
Gone.
That's our planet if we, us humans, don't preserve biodiversity.
Open your eyes and blink.

Screw your eyes shut, for the last time,
I promise.
Imagine the bumblebees collecting pollen,
And Spring lambs playing around them.
Imagine sunflowers stretching up to the Sun,
And the jellyfish that bob cheerfully in the Summer sea.
Imagine dogs chasing tennis balls,
And the Autumn leaves turning the ground into art.
Imagine snow falling from heaving grey clouds,
And the cat that's watching the robin outside, knowing it will never catch it.
Open your eyes.

Don't you think it's best to preserve this wonderful world?
If you don't, I'm sorry, you're not of this Earth.
We only get one world.
And that world is this world.
Preserve biodiversity, help stop climate change;
And the Earth will thank you,
By being as wonderful as it was once before.

Isabella Hawke



Our latest needs are:

- Milk Powder
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Size 6 Nappies
- Razors

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: <https://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

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A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied to the girl, 'because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today.'

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says, 'But, then why is the groom wearing black?'

St Barnabas: The Forgotten Apostle?

Brenton Blandford

The other day I was going past the hospital of St Barnabas in Saltash and thinking about the number of times both Catherine and I have visited it. This reminded me that in June we celebrate St Barnabas, the forgotten Apostle. Why forgotten we might wonder? Perhaps he was not as well known as many of the other apostles that are mentioned in the New Testament.

Aside from the Twelve, few others receive the designation of apostle in the New Testament. Chief among them is the apostle Paul. Among the others is his one-time collaborator Barnabas, whose Feast Day is celebrated by the Church on June 11.

Legend recalls Barnabas as one of the 70 disciples of Christ in the Gospel, but few details about him were recorded in the New Testament. However, the fact that he is mentioned by name repeatedly indicates a certain significance, and the context in which he is mentioned, particularly his partnership with Paul, expresses further importance. Given these realities, what we know about Barnabas from Scripture deserves closer reflection, especially since Barnabas' role in the early Christian community remains relevant for us all. But, even more, his designation as an apostle informs us that Barnabas was held up in the early Church as an exemplary

Christian and a pre-eminent leader, and so he provides a model for all of those in ministry.

Detachment for Ministry

The vast majority of what we know about Barnabas is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. First known as Joseph, he came from the priestly Levite tribe and was a native of Cyprus (cf. Acts 4:36-37). Barnabas first emerged as one of the early Christians who sold a tract of land and placed the profits 'at the feet of the apostles' (Acts 4:37).



This is juxtaposed to other early Christians who gave only a portion of their profits to the early believers' common fund from a similar sale.

This detachment and generosity is not for its own sake, however; it is to open oneself to greater availability for mission and to remove distractions from Gospel living, as Barnabas – and countless other believers – have shown throughout the ages.

As he rose to leadership among

early Christians, Barnabas was sent from Jerusalem to oversee the evolving community of believers at Antioch.

A Priesthood for Others

Barnabas shows radical commitment to the Gospel, selling the land he has and leaving the profits to the good of the Church. He left everything behind to advance the kingdom of God, taking upon himself a host of difficulties and sufferings for the sake of the Gospel. He is recognized as a skilled leader.

We know he becomes a leader among the first Christians at Antioch (cf. Acts 11:22) – indeed the first believers to bear that name according to Acts (11:26).

Barnabas' name means 'son of encouragement' (Acts 4:36), or sometimes is rendered 'son of consolation,' which speaks of a pastoral nature. He is found to teach the truth come

what may. But he also is a unifying figure, unafraid to go out of his way to let the light of Christ shine in others. Therefore he is seen as a leader who recognizes that he must encourage and tease out the gifts and talents of others for the sake of the Kingdom and success of the mission.

Success of Self-Awareness

These characteristics are most on display in Barnabas' relationship with Paul. After his transformative

experience on the road to Damascus, which led to the conversion of the one-time Christian persecutor, Paul shows up on Barnabas' radar. The one who often is referred to as 'the Apostle' was introduced to the apostles by Barnabas (cf. Acts 9:27). In fact, Barnabas even vouched for Paul it seems, after he 'tried to join the apostles, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple' (Acts 9:26).

The two formed a missionary team to evangelise the Gentiles and, early on, when referred to together, Barnabas received top billing. Together they encouraged Jews who came to Christ to remain faithful to their calling (cf. Acts 13:43). At Lystra, 'They called Barnabas "Zeus" and Paul "Hermes", because Barnabas was the chief speaker.' (Acts 14:12). A disagreement caused them to split ways. (cf. Acts 15:36-39). While the details are not entirely clear, we know that as Paul and Barnabas prepared for their second missionary trip, they disagreed on whether John Mark (a relative of Barnabas who had joined them for the first part of the duo's first missionary journey, but left early for an undisclosed reason) should accompany them. Paul refused to let John Mark accompany them on the second trip, despite Barnabas' support for the idea. It is the last we hear of Barnabas in the Bible.

Challenging Peter

Before going their separate ways, Barnabas joined Paul to seek unity within the Church on a fundamental issue, where unity had not been achieved through Peter's efforts alone. Any look at Barnabas and his contributions to the life of the early Church must consider the Council of Jerusalem.

Some were claiming that one must be circumcised in order to become a Christian, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be

to the truth. Paul and Barnabas clearly opposed the idea that one can achieve salvation through one's own actions. The two challenged Peter, who had tried to bridge the gap by proposing a compromise. Peter's interlocutors posited – and correctly so, as the results of the Council of Jerusalem show – that salvation is purely gratuitous, never earned and always a pure gift. The expectations of the old Law were made new according to the grace of Jesus Christ.

Discovery of Barnabas

According to tradition Barnabas' remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. Barnabas is thought to have been stoned or burned to death in Cyprus in 61 AD; he was buried on the island near Salamis. There is still a monastery of St Barnabas



saved.' (Acts 15:1). Naturally, as apostles to the Gentiles, Paul and Barnabas were sensitive to the importance of this issue – and its error – so they went 'to Jerusalem, to the apostles and presbyters about this question.' (Acts 15:2). It is interesting to note that Paul indicates *even* Barnabas may have been persuaded, at one point, by the hypocrisy, as Paul led the charge on opposing in Jerusalem (cf. Gal 2:13). Paul and Barnabas were convinced that the claim supported by Peter was wrong, and they successfully managed him to bring him around

and icon museum near Salamis, Famagusta, in northern Cyprus.

Son of Encouragement

Barnabas seems to be that friend, or co-worker, that we all want to have. It's clear why the apostles called him 'Son of Encouragement'.

Perhaps, you have known this type of trust and support in your life. Someone who spoke up for you at the moment it was most needed. Someone who believed in you when it seemed as if no-one else did. Perhaps, you have been a 'Barnabas' to someone you know.