

The Week

week starting 22 20

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Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

Tell us about a decent person in the public eye - or in film or literature - someone whom you really admire.

Worship

Read 1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

These words were obviously not written to inflate the egos of the Corinthian church!

- How would you respond if they were written about our church?
- What effect is Paul trying to achieve by writing in this way? (Compare with verses 10 - 13 of the same chapter.)
- Find some reasons why we might 'boast in the Lord' and thank God for them.

Word

Read Matthew 5: 1 - 12

'Blessed' means 'well done; you got it right!' Or 'Happy!'

Go through this famous passage and make your own group translation. By all means refer to the different translations you may have in the room, but try to come up with your own version. For example, it **might** begin,

'These are the ones who are living life well:

those who know they're not the bees' knees;

those who feel concerned about the suffering of the world;'

But try to come up with your own version.

- **What sort of human beings is Jesus wanting to have us be?**

Read Micah 6: 6 - 8

- How does God feel about displays of religious sacrifice or devotion if they disconnect with the moral demands of everyday life?
- Verse 8 is very famous. What three things is God looking for from humanity, according to the prophet?
- How do these requirements relate to our life in Coventry and the wider world today?

- **What makes a really decent human being? Summarise their characteristics. What can we as a church do to develop them?**

Response

- Pray for the life of the church this week.
- Write down prayers describing the kind of people God is calling us to be.