

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

Welcome

- What's the most interesting part you've ever played in a play or a musical, as school, or since then? How did you go down?

Worship

- Read Psalm 130
- Thanks God for the forgiveness offered in Jesus.

Word

Read John 11: 1 - 48 (taking it in turns to read a section)

This week we consider how this story seems from the perspective of each of these characters.

- Martha
- Mary
- Lazarus
- Thomas and the disciples
- The onlookers ('Jews')
- Jesus

For each character, consider these questions (if they apply):

- What feelings do they have as the story unfolds?
- How does their view of life and death change?
- How does their view of Jesus change?

Finally focus on verses 25 - 26. Discuss what differences do these verses make to your own approach to life and death. To what extent are they about life right now? To what extent are they about heaven?

Response

- Share how you got on with noticing times when God is calling you to be more childlike.
- This week, ask God to help you notice any times when you are tempted to act out of fear rather than hope. Again, use the evening Examen prayer to fine-tune your response to these moments.