

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

Welcome

- It's often said that Brits love a heroic failure! Can you think of any examples of people we celebrate even though they didn't succeed?

Worship

- Read **Psalm 86: 1 - 17**.
- What are the hints that life is not going well for David?
- What is God's response to David's problematic life?
- Choose a song or a prayer - or write a prayer - celebrating God's faithfulness in our difficulties. Share these with each other.

Word

Read Romans 6: 1 - 11

- What does the word 'sin' mean to you?
- What do you think the word meant for Paul?
- What attitude is Paul addressing in verse 1?
- How does he challenge this attitude in verses 2 - 4?
- Glancing through the whole passage, discuss how Paul expects baptism to make a difference in a person's life.
- According to this passage, what is God's plan for dealing with human failings?

Response

- Reflect on what baptism means to you. Perhaps share memories of your own baptism.
- If you don't consider yourself to have been baptised, could it be that God is inviting you towards baptism now?
- Last week people were invited to come up with a personal mission statement. How are you getting on? Would anyone like to share theirs with the group?