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Weekly Letter – 19 October 2025

Luke 18.1-8

The persistent and insistent widow

I suspect we all know one or two people who are persistent and persevere in their requests! I could have some fun with someone I know who perseveres in asking me, “have I completed this job?”, but I won’t! Jesus is a wonderful observer of human nature, and here he draws out the importance of being tenacious in their faith in God. (Remember, in parables you have to wait for the punch line!). Therefore, Jesus is saying to his disciples – yup you, - do you regularly pray for the ‘things’ that only God can give? Then, when you don’t receive a speedy response from God, do your hearts fail you? Do you sometimes give up on trusting God?

Well, remember the widow – she is humble, determined, and because of her faithfulness, surely you know God will sympathise with her requests?

Each day is an opportunity to be faithful to all that is truthful and eternal, and therefore you will in your heart know you need to count on God. For this to happen, one thing I know, but am still learning is that, we need to be free from the anxiety and tension that exists by clinging to the world, and the world of ‘things’.

Stephen

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Lewis Rees

Bible Readings: Luke 18.1-8: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Cycle of Prayer in the Region - Temple, Gowerton

Saturday, 18th October - Autumn Meeting of Synod will be held in Abergavenny.

Tuesday, 21st October – Tea and Chat – 2-4 pm – Energy awareness talk

Child's car booster seat

If anyone has a booster seat that they no longer need please speak to Audrey or Ros.



FAIR TRADE GOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

Fair Trade biscuits will be served with the coffee and tea. Adella and Elaine

Garden Twinning

In a previous Synod newsletter, there was an article about a project called Garden Twinning.

What is Garden Twinning?

Here is wording off the website of Ripple Effect, a charity based in Bristol: (rippleeffect.org) that organises the project.

"Twin your garden with Ripple Effect (it costs £60 to do so) and your donation could help a family living in rural Africa with three years training in sustainable organic farming. Starting with small kitchen gardens, families can grow enough to eat, set up small businesses, send their children to school and go after their dreams.

In recognition of your donation of £60 you will receive:

- a sustainable wooden plaque to display in your garden.
- a vegetable growing guide from Charles Dowding, our no-dig expert.
- wildflower seeds to get you started on your Garden Twinning adventure.
- plus the sharing of practical techniques the families in rural Africa are using in their own gardens to fight hunger and the climate crisis

Ripple Effect empowers families in rural Africa to learn more, grow more and sell more, transforming their lives while protecting their environment. Families share what they know and have with their neighbours and wider communities, so that for each family we work with directly we know that three more will benefit. This is the [ripple effect](http://rippleeffect.org) of our work and your support."

What do I have to do if I want to twin my garden?

Please follow this link: <https://rippleeffect.org/gifts/twin-my-garden/> and you will be guided through the payment process. I am going to twin my garden and when I receive my pack of information and resources, I will take it to church to show everyone.

'Happy Garden Twinning' Adella

