

W.I.E.C. News Letter May 2018

Wednesday 2nd	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Matthew Sharpe (Communion)
	6.30 pm	John Mann
	3.00 pm	Signature House
Wednesday 9th	7.30 pm	Bible Study
Sunday 13th	11.00 am	John Mann
	6.30 pm	Matthew Sharpe
Wednesday 16th	7.30 pm	Bible Study
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Matthew Sharpe
	6.30 pm	John Mann (Communion)
	3.00 pm	Signature House
Wednesday 23rd	7.30 pm	Bible Study
Sunday 27th	11.00 am	John Mann
	6.30 pm	Matthew Sharpe
Wednesday 30th	7.30 pm	Bible Study

For prayer.

Remember young people who have exams starting later this month.

Pray for the Open-Air Mission as they look for folk to join the teams for the summer Beach Missions in Weymouth and Tenby.

The trouble with common sense, according to the saying, is that it is not very common! Perhaps we've all exhibited a lack of common sense at some point in our lives, but perhaps more readily spotted it in others? One person's common sense can easily seem foolishness to another, who would undertake a task in a totally different manner. Such is the variety of life!

Sometimes Bible accounts record when God's servants were called to something that seemed to make no sense at all. In Jeremiah 32, the prophet, whose messages confirming that God's judgement upon His own rebellious people was certain and was coming soon, was commanded to purchase a piece of land from a relative. The Babylonians were already besieging Jerusalem and the land was located in an area already occupied by these oppressive invaders. Common sense would suggest that such a purchase was a futile waste of money as the enemies would show no respect for legal ownership documents that Jeremiah was told to sign and seal with witnesses.

Jeremiah's lack of understanding does not prevent him from obeying and doing so with a proclamation of praise "Ah Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." (32v17 and following). The Lord then reveals that, though terrible punishment will be wrought upon Judah at His instigation, He would, in time, restore the people to their own land such that legal proceedings over land purchase would again have meaning. Jeremiah's purchase was to be a very visible testimony to the enduring promises of God, in the face of much that would cause despair and hopelessness.

Sometimes events in our lives seem to make little sense. Sometimes it seems nonsense to go God's way when all around us "know" the "truth" and mock us for our ridiculous insistence upon the truth we find in God's Word. But true saving faith trusts God, even when we cannot explain an understanding of His leadings. How often such faith can be a tremendous witness, that, maybe in due time, others have cause to marvel as they see the God of miracles accomplishing His good purposes. Whilst we wait for reason and sense to be revealed, for God's dealings are never irrational or arbitrary, we draw confidence from the very visible sign that has been given, assuring us of His love, in the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. What a privilege to be called to testify to the hope that such a sign gives.

As the Lord says to Jeremiah, "I will make an everlasting covenant with [my people]: I will never stop doing good to them." v40. We can be assured of this alone in Christ, to Him be the praise.