

Week beginning November 30th 2020



St Barnabas
making disciples for life

Luke 1 :26-38

Welcome

Share with one another why you were given your name. Do you know what it means?



15 mins 13/11

Worship

Spend 5 minutes brainstorming promises from the Bible.

Then spend time worshipping God and praying into those promises.



15 mins 30/11

Word

Luke 1:26-38

1. Read this familiar passage through slowly together a number of times— what strikes you?
2. vs 29 'greatly troubled' is thought to be better translated puzzled, perplexed, to be intently curious. Do you think that alters Mary's meaning—if so how?
3. What do you think puzzles or perplexes Mary about Gabriel's greeting?
4. vs 34 'how will this be?' Mary's is not doubting but marvelling at Gabriel's words. Does her response help when we are faced with things in the bible and our Christian faith that we find hard to understand or accept? If so how?
5. vs 38—stepping into Mary's shoes for a moment, how does it feel to respond so openly and generously to God?
6. How does Mary's response to God's word in vs 29,34 & 38 encourage, challenge and inspire?



50 mins 30/11

Witness

How might you use this season of Advent—a season of expectation, waiting and preparation—to ponder, marvel and trust more deeply—in the word and works of God?



You might also like to pray with Q5 above—what does it look like for you, at this moment in your life, to respond with the same kind of open hearted

10 mins 30/11