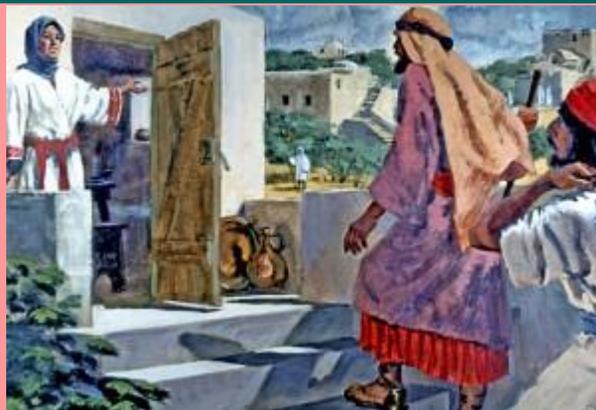


Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 3rd July 2017.

Simplicity



Reflection

The theme of the readings on Sunday 3rd July is about hospitality and being welcomed. We are told that God will give us rest and peace of heart and mind. We hear that the Prophet Elisha made frequent trips to Shunem and a woman whose house he passed every day persuaded him to stop and eat supper. After that he often stayed for his supper and her family then built Elisha a room on the roof of their house and welcomed him with great hospitality. We have been called by the Holy Spirit as individuals to be a dwelling place inhabited by God who is love, compassion and kindness. There is great simplicity in saying 'hello' to our friends, our teachers and those we meet every day. Hospitality is a spiritual gift from God and we need to welcome those within and beyond our community on a daily basis extending God's love to others. God is the creator of the Universe and he took on human form with the incarnation of Jesus his Son; we therefore, are 'Christ' to others as Jesus sent us into the world to help build God's kingdom. We are told that the Lord our God will provide rest for our souls and bodies within our Class, in the playground, in the dining room and with our families and friends. **But as a member of our Deanery Family how will you welcome and be hospitable to others this week?**

Prayer

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening
comes and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy and peaceful rest through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the bible



“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.”