



**St Helen's  
Bishopsgate**

Name .....

**10.30am weekend away**

**2019**



**Ashburnham Place,  
Battle, Sussex**



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# Welcome

Welcome to the 10.30am weekend away. We hope and pray you will all quickly feel a part of this wonderful gathering and will be strengthened as we sit together under God's word. A very special welcome to our mission partners who have travelled from afar to be with us.

We encourage you to make the most of the weekend. Some tips: talk to someone you have not spoken to before, join in the afternoon activities, chat about the talks during the breaks etc.

The timetable on the back gives an overview of what is happening throughout the weekend. Please listen out for details of the Saturday afternoon and evening activities during the morning sessions.

Should you have any questions about any aspects of the weekend, please speak to Wendy Kasenene.

# Site information

## External doors

There is an entry code for all external doors (5674#). Please make sure they are closed behind you. You should have received a card with the code on arrival.

## Front gates

The front gates are automatically locked between 5.30pm and 6.30am (10pm on Fridays). There are no Ashburnham staff on duty after 11pm. Please use the access code 5674# at all times when the gates are closed.

## WiFi code

If you'd like one, please request it from reception.

## Quiet please

Please refer to the information Ashburnham provides in your room and respect the times of quiet advised.

## First aid

A first aid kit is available throughout the weekend at the welcome desk.

## Emergencies

During reception opening hours please advise reception and they will contact the duty manager for help. Ashburnham does not have night staff, but a member of the senior team is on emergency call between 11pm – 7.30am. Please call internal extension 16573— the phone by the reception steps.

The nearest pharmacy is in Battle and the nearest A&E department is at the Conquest hospital, The Ridge, Hastings TN37 7RD, Tel: 01424 755255.

## Fire alarm

In the unlikely event the fire alarm sounds, follow the exit instructions on the back of bedroom doors.

During timetabled sessions, children's helpers are responsible for bringing children in their care to the relevant meeting point for that building. If the alarm sounds during evenings, parents should collect their children already in bed and bring them to the meeting point.

### **Swimming & boating**

Swimming and boating is **not permitted** on any of the Ashburnham Place lakes over this weekend.

### **Fishing**

Up to 6 people may fish at any one time in specified areas of Broad Water after presenting Ashburnham staff with a valid rod license. Freshwater fish such as pike, tench, perch, roach and carp can be found on the lakes. You will also need an Ashburnham Place permit to fish which you can obtain at the main reception.

### **Games**

There is a games room (open during reception hours) with a pool table, table-tennis tables and table football. Croquet and football can also be played; please ask at reception for equipment. You'll also be told where you can play. (Please ensure that children are supervised at all times.

### **Nursery**

The nursery (on the ground floor at Tent Hill House) has toys and games, a kitchen with a fridge and microwave, a washing machine and an enclosed outdoor play area.

### **Vacating bedrooms and checking out**

All rooms must be vacated by the start of the first session on Sunday morning. Please strip your beds of sheets, duvet covers and top pillow cases and leave them outside your rooms. Please return your room keys to the St Helen's welcome desk and put any lanyards in the box on the welcome table.

# John 5

“The days of the greater works”

## About the speaker:



**Charlie Skrine** married to Claire, has been the leader of the Sunday morning congregation since September 2017. Belied by his youthful demeanour and penchant for near-death experiences in kayaks, he has a maturity in handling the Bible from which we are all very eager to benefit.



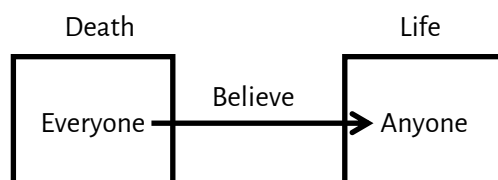
## Session 1:

John 5:1–24

Believe → Jesus → Life

1. Jesus the life-bomb

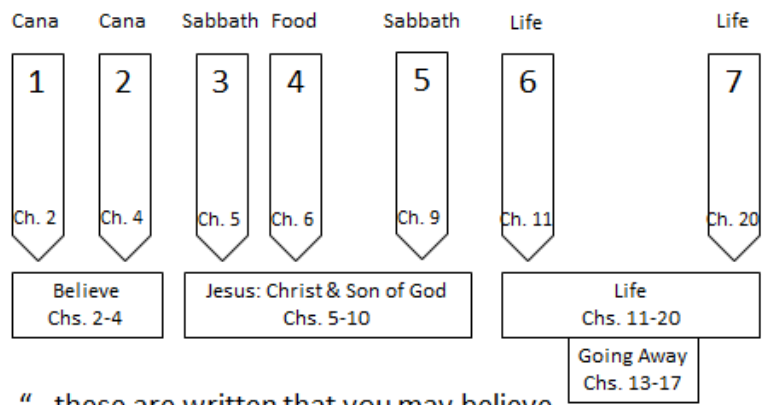
2. The shape of John's Gospel



3. The Shock of Chapters 5-10

4. The application of John's Gospel

5:20; 14:10–14; 17:8, 20; 20:30, 31; 21



“...these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20v31



## **Session 2:**

John 5:16–24

### The Life-giving Son

1. Jesus is equal with God

a) Not a rival God

b) Equal in life & judgement

c) So that: equal in honour

2. => Hear Jesus, Hear God



# Seminar

## Guidance:

### What is God's plan for your life?

What decisions do you have to make 'soon', and how do you feel about them?

A=how hard will you find working out what the right decision is? (1-5 where 5='very hard')

B=how important is it to get the decision right? (1-5 where 5='very important')

C=how costly will it be to put into practice the right decision (1-5 where 5='very costly')

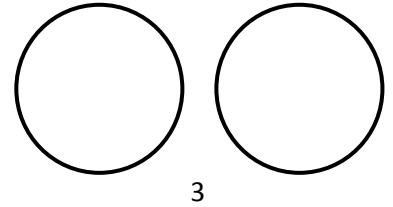
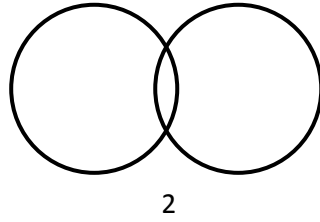
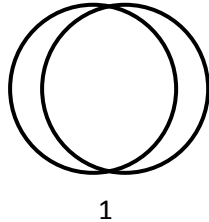
	Decisions	A	B	C
2 weeks	eg which winter coat should I buy?	3	1	1
2 months	eg where should I move to?	2	4	5
2 years	eg should I have a career change?	4	4	2
10 years	eg children's education?	4	5	3

#### 1. God HAS promised us everything we need to know

Psalm 119:9-16

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Imagine 2 fields of possible decisions where the one on the left='what I want God to tell me about' and the one on the right='what God does tell us about.'



- a) What's the difference between the three pictures?
  
- b) How many different explanations for the difference can you think of?
  
- c) Which one best matches your experience?

**2. God's aim for your life:      Become like Jesus**

Ephesians 1

Romans 8:28–30

SO      most guidance is obvious

Relationships: Exodus 20:14  
 Careers: Ephesians 4:28  
 Everything: Colossians 3:17; Galatians 5:22,23

What is it that really makes hard decisions hard?

Worked example:  
Marriage (Colossians 3:18–19)

Is this lots of guidance? or not much?  
How much of a marriage does this impact?  
What's not covered that we'd like to be?

Worked example:  
Career (Colossians 3:22–4:1)

Is this lots of guidance? or not much?  
How much of a career does this impact?  
What's not covered that we'd like to be?

### 3. God's plan cannot fail

Isaiah 44:6-8

God's will and God's WILL      Exodus 20:13 vs Acts 2:23

All things work for him      Romans 8v28-30

SO	no pride	James 4:13-16
SO	delight	Psalms 37:4
SO	relax	Psalms 37:7
SO	act boldly	Joseph not Gideon

### 4. God has given us LOADS of guidance in a book => read it using the normal, obvious ways that everyone reads books.

- Who should I marry?
- Where should I live?
- Life/Death?

Does that mean God *cannot* guide outside of the Bible?



For example: 5 ways God has not promised to guide us.

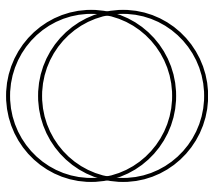
Magic book flipping  
Feelings  
What you enjoy/ what you are good at  
Opening of doors  
Coincidences

The post-it notes of Auntie Ethel

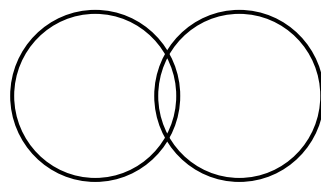
### 5. How am I supposed to make decisions then?

a) Pray: Matthew 5:9-13) (& James 4:13-17)

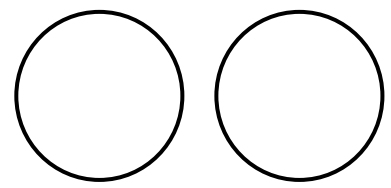
b) Read the Bible:



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c) Other Christians

d) Make a choice



# Session 3:

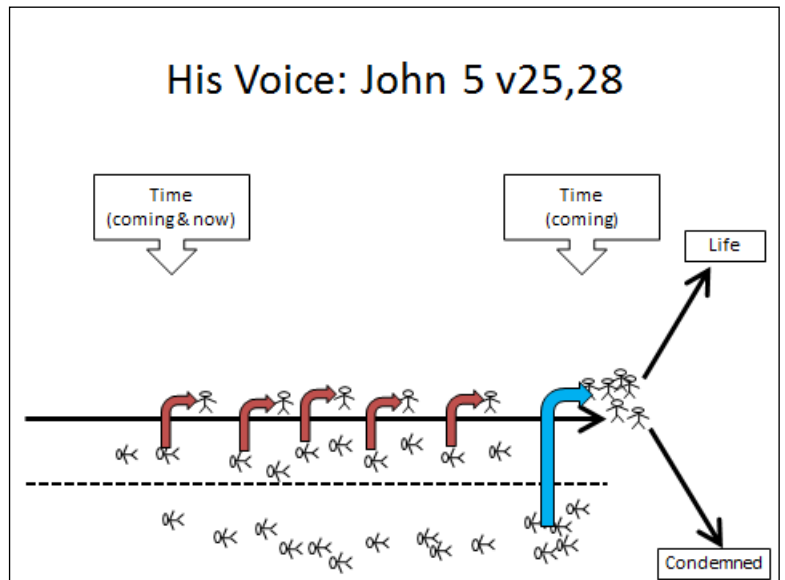
John 5:25–30

## The hour of resurrection

1. Sign of Life v1-18

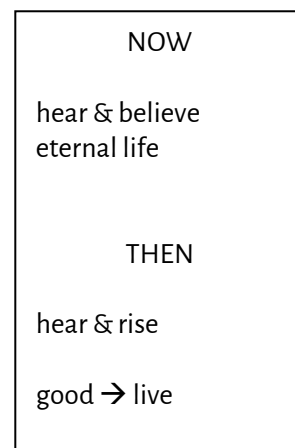
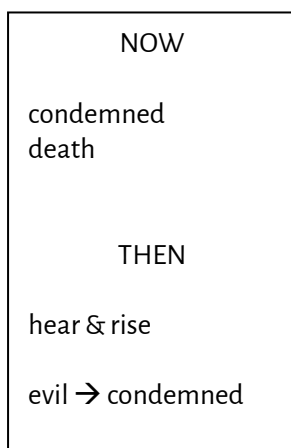
2. The chronology of life v25-30

An hour is... now here



An hour is coming

3. Changes we can make and changes we can't





## Session 4:

John 5:31–47

### Missing out on Life

#### 1. One Miracle, 2 gifts v1-18

meets compassion with grumbling

meets miracle with ingratitude

meets threat with defensive disavowal

#### 2. National rejection: Won't you believe? v31-37

John the Baptist

Works/Signs

#### 3. National rejection: You won't believe v38-47

X communication with God

X eternal life

X love of God

X Moses

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Identity</u>	<u>Response</u>
Ch. 5	I'm God	Kill
Ch. 6	I'm God	Believe → Grumble → Turn Back
Ch. 7&8	I'm God	Confusion → Believe → Anger → Kill
Ch. 9& 10	I'm God	Arrest the Evidence → Kill

# Weekend programme

## Friday

16.15	Arrivals
17.30	Children's tea
19.00	Dinner
21.15	Welcome and introductory meeting
22.00	Hot chocolate

## Saturday

7.30	Breakfast
9.30	Children's programme
9.45	John chapter 5: session 1
11.00	Coffee
11.30	John chapter 5: session 2
12.45	Parents take children to lunch
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Family friendly afternoon activities
16.00	Tea
17.00	Children's tea
17.45	Children's activity
17.45	Seminar: work, career & guidance
19.00	Dinner
20.30	Quiz/Bonfire/ Hot chocolate

## Sunday

7.30	Breakfast
9.30	Children's programme
9.45	John chapter 5: session 3
11.00	Coffee
11.30	John chapter 5: session 4
12.45	Parents take children to lunch
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Depart from Ashburnham

**Note on breakfast:** Hot food will only be served from 8am every morning