

Tuesday 5 March 2024

1 Thess 3:11–13

Leading
Speaking

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WELCOME TO ST HELEN'S

We are delighted you have joined us today. Please feel free to eat your lunch during the meeting and it would be a great help if you could turn all phones and other communication devices to flight mode.

NOTICES

1. New here? Let us know if we can tell you about what's going on in the City. Email the team: city@st-helens.org.uk

2. Share Life: in the run up to Easter, Christians across the City will be sharing Jesus with individuals or a group of contacts over a meal or drinks. Speak to one of the team for help tailoring something for your colleagues.

3. Christianity Explored: for those looking into the Christian faith whether believer, sceptic or curious. All are welcome to join a group discussion looking at what Mark's gospel says about who Jesus is and why he came. Thursdays, 12.05–12.50pm, in St Helen's. Email Tiff: t.stromsoe@st-helens.org.uk for more information.

4. Handel's Messiah: Highlights from Handel's Messiah performed by professional singers with commentary by Henry Eatock-Taylor on Friday 22 March at 7pm at St Michael Cornhill. Bring colleagues, friends and family who appreciate classical music. Buy tickets at bit.ly/SMCHM24



5. Financial giving: for more information on giving, please visit: shb.org.uk/give

6. The Bible Matters podcast: listen to our new podcast featuring interviews and conversations with faithful Bible teachers all over the world. Search The Bible Matters Podcast wherever you get your podcasts, or go to biblematters.podbean.com

1 Thessalonians 3:11–13 ESVUK

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

God's blueprint for authentic life

Sustained growth

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Introduction

1. A renewal of Gospel ministry

Acts 14: 22 '...they (Paul and Barnabas) returned to Lystra, Icoinum and Antioch, strengthening (establishing) the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.'
(Acts 15:32, 41; 18:23)

2. An abundance of Gospel love

3. A consistency of Gospel living

Conclusion

- God's work, this is a prayer
- Gospel work

Question for discussion and reflection:

- How does what Paul prays for challenge/shape our own expectations of Christian ministry and our own prayers?

Next week: Living with distinction, 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8, William Taylor