

Britain! The Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin and the healing balm of salvation. Have you acknowledged your sin and need of a saviour? Let's pray that many more will encounter Jesus in these troubled times.

3. The need for the Holy Spirit (4.28f)

The woman went and told her community about Jesus – such was the impact Jesus made upon her life. Can you identify with her response? Her testimony was not the clearest, what she said made Jesus out to be a “mind-reader”! Yet the signs of change in her life made for a powerful testimony. She demonstrated a change of priority and focus as she made contact with those she had sought to avoid. The Holy Spirit aids us in our witness giving us the opportunities and words to speak of who Jesus is and what He gives and makes of our lives.

4. The need to be sowers and reapers (4.35-38)

Find your well. Where do you meet people who need Jesus? It is hard at the moment due to the Isolation Covid-19 has brought but we can still be praying for openings. Times will come when we can speak and share the Living Water. Be encouraged – lives can change in meeting Jesus. What He has done for you He can do for others – even those you might be surprised to see transformed!

Pastor Andrew

Benediction

“If anyone is thirsty...come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him”

(John 7.37-38)

May the God of grace refresh your spirit.

ROCHFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Welcome to

CHURCH AT HOME

Sunday 30th August

Share with others by reading through these notes at 11am

Hymn & Chorus (to sing or to read)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God, my saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are to put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure,
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

I met Jesus at the crossroads, where the two ways meet.
Satan too was standing there, and he said “come this way,
Lots and lots of pleasures I can give to you today.”
But I said “No, there's Jesus here, just see what He offers me
Down here my sins forgiven, up there my home in heaven
Praise God! That's the way for me.”

Prayer

*Our loving Heavenly Father and Gracious God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, into our world to rescue us. Thank you for reconciling us to yourself though his sacrifice for our sins. Forgive us the sins of this day and help us live in the victory Jesus has won for us. Give us grace in these difficult times apart. Guide us, giving us wisdom in facing the challenges before us. Bring your help and healing to those in need of it. Assist us by your Holy Spirit in our desire to worship you today – and every day.
In Jesus Name. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen*

Bible Verses for today

“The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” (Isaiah 58.11)

Read John chapter 4.1-42

“It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life” (Revelation 21.6)

“Meeting Jesus in daily life”

Imagine meeting Jesus in Tesco – on a bad day? You just want to get in and get what you need and get home while its quiet. The woman at the well was of that mindset. She was shocked when Jesus spoke to her because of their racial difference and perhaps because how she was used to the silence from the villagers who ostracised her.

Jesus spoke to her. He knew all about her but didn't wait for her to sort herself out but made the moment matter for all eternity. What a wonderful saviour Jesus is?

The chapter can be divided into four parts – four needs:

1. The need for refreshing (4.1-15)

Popularity was something Jesus had to deal with. The Samaritan woman had to deal with unpopularity. In the “heat of the day” Jesus sought refreshment. The woman chose the time to avoid an encounter with anyone. Yet, because of Jesus intervention she went away transformed. Jesus offered living water that would quench her thirst. Jesus gives His Holy Spirit to all who follow Him to refresh us in times when things are going well or not. What wonderful promises we have in God's Word about the refreshing he gives in life and for all eternity. (Isaiah 58.11, Revelation 21.6)

2. The need for truth (4.16f)

How gracious Jesus is? He spoke with a Samaritan woman – a woman with a chequered past – ostracised by those who knew her. Jesus identified the sin but revealed himself as the saviour. What He knew didn't keep Him from approaching her and offering her the free gift. Though salvation is from the Jews it flows to the nations of the world – including Samaria and Great