

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Have you ever been ‘isolated’ because of an infectious illness – or been ‘sent to Coventry’ as a child? What are your memories of that time?</p>
<p>Worship ideas</p>	<p><i>Worship suggestions: SOF 40 Be still; 124 Give thanks; 419 O let the Son of God; 472 Praise you Lord; 475 Purify my heart; 629 You are the vine; 841 I want to be out of my depth</i> (NB: 20 files containing about 30 newer songs are available to borrow from the office for groups)</p>
<p>Word (refs.↓)</p>	<p>NB Check the church website www.stbchurch.org.uk (click on the ‘downloads’ tab) for Sunday’s sermon. Some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</p>
<p><u>Read</u> Luke 17:11-19</p>	<p><u>Jesus meets ten men with leprosy.</u> Note (as in the NIV footnote) that the word translated ‘leprosy’ here was used for various diseases affecting the skin – not necessarily leprosy. But see Lev. 13:9-11 and 45-46 for the implications of being diagnosed as suffering from such a condition, including exclusion from worship. It this was you today, how would this affect your faith in God?</p> <p>Read 17:13. What do you think the lepers hoped for when they called out to Jesus to take pity on them (literally, ‘have mercy’)? Food, shelter, money, clothing, physical healing, all of the above? What might they have reasonably expected? <i>Read Eph. 3:20-21. When has Jesus given you more than you could ever ask or imagine?</i></p> <p>Read 17:14. What is the significance of the lepers showing themselves to the priests? (see Lev. 13:16-17 for more)</p> <p>‘As they went, they were cleansed’ (17:14b). How far is it true that both Jesus and the men themselves play a part in their healing? What does this teach us about the relationship between faith and action/deeds (cf. James 2:26)?</p> <p>Read 17:15-16. Only one man returns to say thank you. Why is it so easy to forget to thank God for his blessings? What good things have you received recently for which you can thank God for now? What was Jesus’ attitude towards the thankful man – and towards the rest? How might realising that affect your prayers?</p> <p>In the phrase “Your faith has made you well” (literally, ‘saved you’) (17:19b) does Jesus mean the man’s physical healing, or his spiritual salvation, or both? Following that answer, what might ‘Rise and go’ have meant for this man? How should the knowledge that ‘our faith has saved us’ inspire us to ‘get up and go’</p> <p><i>Reflect:</i> what sorts of people are regarded as ‘lepers’ in and around our community/ neighbourhood today? How can we avoid such attitudes taking hold within the church? Have you ever been aware of anything like this happening? What can you do about it?</p>
<p>If time read 2 Kings 5:1-3 & 9-15</p>	<p>Chart Naaman’s progress towards faith in the Lord as the one true God (see v.15). How might this encourage you in your prayers for those who are not yet Christians?</p>
<p><u>Witness</u></p>	<p><u>Pray</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ for your mission link; for fruit from the recent ‘Believe in Hull’ initiatives (including the Cider and Sausage Festival) <p><u>Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ continuing group plans for the term, including social/ outreach events (eg for half term/ Bonfire Night).