

## Do You See This Woman?

What do you see when you look at people? Do you see them as rich or poor, well dressed, or badly clothed? Do you see them as clean and tidy, or as dirty and unkempt? Do you see them as intelligent and clever, or do you see them as lacking in education and without ability?

Jesus asked a question in Luke 7:44. He

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was speaking to a Pharisee in whose house he was dining.

A woman of the city, a sinner, managed to gain entry to the house and stood behind Jesus as he was reclining. She was weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed his feet with ointment that she had brought with her in an alabaster flask.

The Pharisee said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner" (Luke 7: 39). The Pharisee knew who she was. He knew what sort of woman she was; she was a sinner! He overlooked his own shortcomings. As a host, he had

behaved abominably towards Jesus, his guest.

Jesus began to tell the Pharisee a parable about two debtors who owed different amounts to a moneylender. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both of them and asked the Pharisee, "Now which of them will love him more?" (Luke 7:42). The Pharisee replied, "The one, I suppose for whom he cancelled the larger debt."

Jesus answered him and said, "You have judged rightly," and then asked, "Do you see this woman?" Jesus saw beyond what the Pharisee saw. The Pharisee was quick to judge and to condemn the woman — she was a sinner. Jesus saw into the heart and the character of the woman.

When we see people, we must look behind the external. We need to move beyond the immediate. We need to look inward to the real person.

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We might be surprised, shocked even, if we knew what some people's first impressions are of us. They may not see who we are, at our core. May we not make the same mistakes as we see others. Do you see this woman? Really?

Colin R. Vine



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# MARCH 2019



## Hebron Church Weekend Away



### 5th - 7th April 2019

A weekend of thought-provoking talks, uplifting worship, prayer times, as well as time for rest, relaxation, chat, cakes, and laughter. This year we are pleased to be able to welcome [Alasdair Fyfe](#) as our [guest speaker](#).

Held at Bassenfell Manor, Bassenhwaite, Keswick, CA12 4RL

*Mothers' Sunday*

31 March

### Church Update Meeting

Saturday, 16 March 2019  
@ 7.00 pm

You are invited to join us for our annual Update Meeting. You can find out what has been accomplished during the last year, and what plans are in place for the next 12 months. There will be food!

### What's Been broken

What's been broken, can be mended  
What's hurting, can be healed  
With these words, I give to you  
My destiny is sealed  
Now my soul is shining  
With God I walk with pride  
Feel the power I'm advancing  
I grow with every stride

I wake, I pray, yes every day  
I'm at the top. and that's where I'll stay  
I feel the strength coming from above  
And like my man Bob, I've got one love  
I've been down and out  
But never signed on the dole  
I've danced with the devil  
But never sold my soul

The world illuminates every time I pick up the pen  
No matter how dark life gets  
The sun will shine again.

Otis Gordon.

This was Otis's expression of his faith and testimony at his baptism in HMP Durham's St Cuthbert's Chapel 4th November 2018.

*[Otis spoke at Hebron, and shared this poem, on Sunday, 10 February 2019, at our evening service]*

## Weekly Schedule

(\*See the panels on the right for details)

### Sunday

10.00 am — Breaking of Bread  
11.15 am — Good News Service\*  
6.30 pm — Evening Service\*

### Monday

2.30 pm — Ladies Meeting\*  
8.00 pm — Bible Study

### Tuesday

10.00 am — Carpet Bowls  
6.00 pm — Carpet Bowls

### Wednesday

10.00 am — Food Bank

### Thursday

10.00 am — Coffee and Chat\*  
(*First Thursday of the month only*)  
6.00 pm — Pathfinders  
7.30 pm — Midweek Meeting

### Friday

10.00 am — Food Bank  
6.00 pm — Pathos

### First Saturday of the month only

8.30 am — Prayer Meeting

## Speakers

### Good News Service Sunday Morning — 11.15 am

3 March — Family Service  
10 March — Ian Jacobs — Mark 16:1-8  
17 March — Graham Edwards — Mark 16:9-20  
24 March — Koen Hellendoorn — Mark - the Man  
31 March — Colin Vine — Mothering Sunday

### Ladies Meeting Monday — 2.30 pm

4 March — Matty Steele  
11 March — Denis Taylor  
18 March — Phylis Marsay  
25 March — Heather Gatenby

### Evening Service Sunday — 6.30 pm

3 March — Paul Caygel  
10 March — Dani and Doing Vasilca from Romania  
(via Skype)  
17 March — David Seymour  
24 March — TBD  
31 March — Alan Barber

### Coffee & Chat Thursday 7 March - 10.00 am

Globe Theatre



### Just for Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. At the wedding feast at Cana, who said to Jesus, "They have no wine," which prompted Jesus to perform a miracle?
2. Who was the first Christian Martyr?
3. What was the name of Philemon's runaway slave?

### Answers from February:

1. Obadiah is the shortest book of the Old Testament — just 21 verses.
2. Shem, Ham, and Japheth were the sons of Noah (Genesis 9:18; 10:1)
3. Mordecai said, "... and who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" to Queen Esther (Esther 4:14).

