

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **1 Peter 3:8-18**. Peter wrote to Christians who were facing rejection and opposition.

- a) What were some of the challenges they were facing? (e.g. **v9, v13, v14**)
- b) How were they being tempted to act towards the people who were against them?
- c) What might surprise you about the ways Peter says the Christians should respond?
- d) How does revering (or setting apart) Christ as Lord (**v15**) help us to have the right response to people who are against us as Christians or what we believe?
- e) What do these verses suggest we should pray when we are opposed?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the next **Alpha Course** which starts with an introductory meal on **Sunday 22nd September** at **7pm** at Prezzo. Pray that lots of people will come along to hear Rich's message and sign up for the course as a result.

Please pray for our children's work in **Sparklers** (0-2), **Rockets** (3-5) and **Livewires** (6-10). Ask God that the children would genuinely believe and trust in Jesus and grow in knowing him, in the context of having great fun and being friends together. Pray that the leaders and helpers would grow in love for the children, be examples of godly living and know the Spirit's help to teach them his truth from the Bible.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

We are having a **Church Picnic** after our Sunday morning meeting on **21st July** at Beechwood Hall and Park, Beechwood Lane, Cooksbridge. Bring your own picnic or arrange to share with others. We have use of the hall with kitchen and toilets, children's playground and sports field. Parking is limited to 30 vehicles, so please share if possible. It should be a fantastic afternoon!

There will be an **informal picnic every Sunday** (apart from **21st July**) after our Sunday morning meeting. Come over to the Tesco end of Malling Fields near the skate park or river, for as long or as short as you like. Feel free to invite friends.

We will be having **Baptisms** on **Sunday 25th August**. If you haven't already been baptised and would like to be, please speak to one of the leaders.

Save the date! **Church BBQ** at Abbot's Wood on **Sunday 8th September**.

The next **Alpha Meal** will be on **Sunday 22nd September, 7pm** at Prezzo. Please pray about who you will invite.