



# Link Up!

**Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies so that God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:11**

## Notices & Sunday Lunch

From next week Suzie will be back to doing our Link Up newsletters (thank goodness I hear you cry!). She will also be doing her lovely You Tube recordings with the first one ready for Sunday 11th October. So for this final week we are recommending you watch the following SCBA clip.

It's by Claire Hooper who is the Regional Minister with responsibility for Children, Youth & Families. It's quite a short message but I think it's very appropriate to us because it reminds us to run the race God has called us to. It's called 'Finishing Your Race'. Click on the link below the picture.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTPRJYARQ0>

For those joining Thursday Night In, Barbara Goose is leading this Thursday. We'd love to hear from more 'volunteers' who are willing to have a go at leading this to make it more sustainable. Form an orderly queue to contact Janet.



## What's in a name? (part 4) Jehovah Jireh

*Dear church family,*

Over the last two weeks we've looked at names that God used to reveal part of his nature to Abraham, the man chosen by Him to be the founding father of his people Israel. We know the story well; when Abraham was a very old man and his wife Sarah was way beyond child-bearing age, God fulfilled His promises with the birth of their son Isaac. How precious that child must have been, a source of great joy. His name means laughter. Then the Bible says, 'some time later' God spoke to Abraham and told him to go and sacrifice Isaac at Mount Moriah. Now, I've always imagined that Isaac was still a child when this command came but from what I've read he was probably already a young man. Abraham didn't argue with God, he just assembled the wood and fire and began the journey to the mountain, about 60 miles away, accompanied by Isaac and two servants. When they arrived at the mountain he and Isaac started to climb and Isaac asked him, 'where is the lamb for the sacrifice?' and Abraham replied, 'God himself will provide the lamb'. Abraham obediently built an altar and laid Isaac on top of the wood. He raised his knife and then God stopped him and showed him the ram caught in a bush.

Abraham named the mountain 'The Lord will provide' or Jehovah Jireh. If you read the story in Genesis 22 you can see that all along Abraham trusted that God would provide whatever was needed. When the book of Hebrews looks back on Abraham's

And a song to sing or reflect on: -

Jehovah Jireh, my provider,  
His grace is sufficient is sufficient for me,  
For me, for me,  
Jehovah Jireh, my provider,  
His grace is sufficient is sufficient for me,  
My God shall supply all my needs  
According to His riches in glory  
He will give His angels charge over me.  
Jehovah Jireh cares for me,  
For me, for me.  
Jehovah Jireh cares for me,

(Words & Music 1974 Catacombs Productions  
Meria Watson)

And a prayer from

'God beside us' 100 Celtic Daily Prayers  
by John Birch: -

Your light is the only light I need  
As I travel through life's mystery.  
Your word the only voice I hear,  
That still small voice that leads me  
To the place where I should be.  
Your presence is the only company I need,  
As I walk this narrow road.  
Your fellowship the warmth I crave.

faithful obedience it says that Abraham trusted that God could even raise Isaac back to life again. So, Abraham believed that, if he sacrificed Isaac, God would still fulfil His promise of making a great nation. The name Jehovah Jireh is translated God provides but it can also mean God sees. In other words, God sees and knows what we need before we need it and provides it. If you think about the word PROVISION, then you see it has the concept of seeing in advance contained in it, PRO VISION.

What does this name have to say to us today? The story of the 'sacrifice' of Isaac reminds us that God provided the ultimate sacrifice many years later, through one of Isaac's descendants, Jesus, who died on a mountain for our sins and then really was raised to life. We can sometimes take that for granted, can't we? But God also provides for each one of us in our daily walk with Him. That may be with our material needs. More especially it applies when we think of what God has called us to do for Him. Do you think that God is asking you to do something for Him that seems impossible, outside your 'comfort zone', something you don't feel you have the skills or abilities to do? If God is asking you to do it, you can be sure that He has seen beforehand what you need and already provided for it. All He's asking you to do is to step out in faith for Him.

*God Bless,*

*Janet*

