1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." 22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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One Thing in Common Next Fri Sept 28

(No regular midweek talks on Wed/Thurs)

Interview with Stef Reid 12.05-12.45pm (Idea Store) 1.05-1.45 pm (Barge)

Stef Reid is a track and field Paralympian competing for Great Britain at London 2012. She has just won silver in the T42/44 Long Jump, setting two new Paralympic records. She is also competing in the 100m & 200m. The 27 year old lost her right leg below the knee in a boating accident aged 16. She will be interviewed and tell her story of her life and faith in this special event on St Peter's Barge.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

The Extreme Love of God ...Plundering the Grave 1 Kings 17:17-24 Andrew Latimer

The irrepressible "Why?" of suffering... (v17-18)¹

1. God cares (v19-21)

He takes up our cause

He absorbs our uncleanness²

He dies and rises for us

2. God restores (v22-23)³

3. Therefore God alone can be trusted (v24)

¹ Acts 12:7; Matthew 14:10.

² 2 Corinthians 5:21; Mark 15:34.

³ John 11:25.