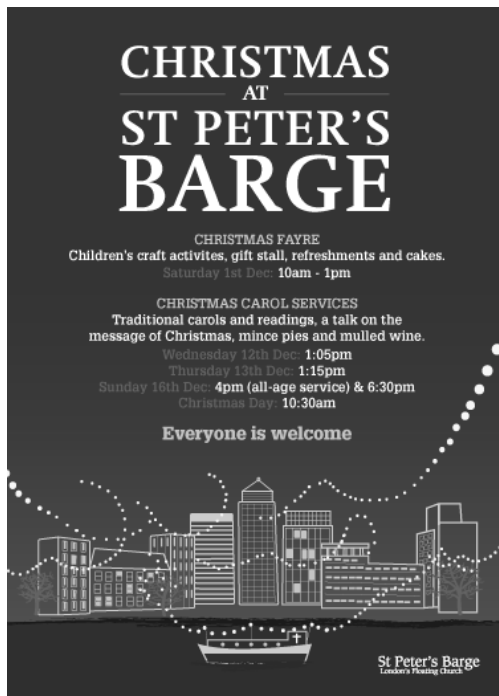


1 Kings 18:41-46

⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain." ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³ And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look towards the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times. ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time he said, "Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'" ⁴⁵ And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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

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1 Kings 18:41-46
Andrew Latimer

Is faith just wishful thinking and presumption?

1. We can be confident that God will renew and refresh the earth (v41)

God declares it¹

God turns himself back to his people²

God turns his people back to himself³

2. And yet the Go-between still needs to pray (v42-46)

God fulfils his plan in answer to prayer⁴

because He's relational⁵

3. And we can rejoice even in anticipation (v44)

¹ 1 Kings 18:1; Romans 8:20-21.

² 1 Kings 18:38; 2 Corinthians 5:18.

³ 1 Kings 18:37; 2 Corinthians 5:20.

⁴ Ps 2:8, John 14:16.

⁵ John 17:11-24.