

# Pastor's Patch



The Church Leadership team held our annual Away Day this week at Brixham Laboratory. It was a great venue for us; as we strolled along the sunny coast path or wandered down through vibrant Battery Gardens we sensed the joy of the Lord awaiting us. With the theme of “Listening”, we shared prayers, worship, reflections and bible passages together. We considered the spiritual health of the church and found a meeting of minds together. We even ate a wonderfully prepared lunch followed by a short walk along the coast path and back to the Fish Quay. A song by Jim Collins seemed to sum up our purpose that day.

## LORD I WANT TO HEAR (by Jim Collins)

*We've come to meet the Lord to praise our mighty God  
We've come to glorify our Saviour - Jesus  
We are meeting in His Name - His Spirit will proclaim  
the wonders just for us God has intended.  
Lord I want to hear Your words - speak to me  
May the voice of this world - not delude me  
Help me, Lord: obey each word You're saying,  
Give me strength to act - without delaying.  
We give ourselves to you, we ask that you will show  
The things, still in our lives, You find displeasing  
We seek Your will alone - and nothing of our own  
May God be magnified now in our praising.*

*If... you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you seek  
Him with all your heart and with all your soul  
(Deuteronomy chapter 4 verse 29)*

## CHALLENGE

Of course, we don't need a fine venue, or a special day to listen to the Lord. We can listen in our living room, our garden, a local park, the church building. But as was commended last Sunday, why don't we make an occasion simply to make space say “Lord, I want to hear” and then just listen?

**Darrell**



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