

## Back to Basics!

When I used to need a break from the rigours of working life, my allotment was always a place of refuge. A place of escape and a place where I could be active but without having to think too much. And of course the tea breaks or chat breaks were as often as I chose!

In this week's Gospel Jesus' right hand man, Peter, bursts out 'I'm going fishing!'. After the ups and downs of the previous weeks he falls back on something he does well and enjoys. Something he could do with his eyes closed. So, with his cousins, he takes the family boat out on to the Lake to fish. It's more than work, though, as he takes along some other friends to enjoy the early morning air. As it happened they caught nothing that morning until someone joined them. A voice yells to them from the shore and from then on, it's all déjà vu. The stranger of the shore suggests casting their nets on the other side of their boat, and they suddenly fill with fresh fish. For Peter, James and John this has all happened before. No wonder then that John recognises the Risen Christ as the man on the beach. Peter leaps overboard and swims for the shore! The idyllic outdoor breakfast party that follows, must have been so memorable.



This all reminds me that when I recall how God has been alongside me so often, that's when I am most likely to feel it in the here and now. It's a good habit to be thanking God for past blessings, and who knows we too might then experience a touch of déjà vu.

Go well.