

## St James News: Thought for the day – Friday 12th June 2020

### Encourage - Rev Kit Gunasekera

In the church calendar, yesterday and today, we celebrate Barnabas the Apostle. He was originally called Joseph, but was given the name Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement' by the Apostles (Acts 4:36). It was he who first welcomed Paul after his conversion, and introduced him to the other apostles. He reached out across the great Jew/Gentile divide to work with the predominately Gentile church in Antioch. He stood up to Paul and gave young John Mark another chance, causing him to split with Paul. In the end he was proven right, and Paul called John Mark back. He sold his estate and gave it to the apostles to distribute it to those in need.

He was a great encourager, and consoler.

Friends, be encouraged.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:24-25

Many people need encouraging today.

Who encourages you?

Who can you encourage?

Song: **We** shall overcome sung by Mahalia Jackson - you can listen to it [here](#)

We shall overcome

We shall overcome

We shall overcome, some day

Oh, deep in my heart

I do believe

We shall overcome, some day

We'll walk hand in hand

We'll walk hand in hand

We'll walk hand in hand, some day

Oh, deep in my heart

I do believe

We shall overcome, some day

We shall live in peace

We shall live in peace

We shall live in peace, some day

Oh, deep in my heart

I do believe

We shall overcome, some day

We are not afraid

We are not afraid

We are not afraid, TODAY