

St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 12th November 2020

Some business women in the Bible – Revd John Marshall

Paul was very grateful to the women who supported him in his ministry. There was Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshipper of god. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. Luke says that "When she and members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord" she said, "Come and stay at my house" And she persuaded us." And when Paul and Silas came out of prison they went to her house again. Acts 16

Priscilla and her husband Aquila were tentmakers and Paul was pleased to work alongside them in Corinth and they travelled with him. They also invited Apollos to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. In Romans 16 Paul says "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my fellow workers in Christ Jesus." And in 1 Corinthians 16.19 he says "Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house."

Paul commends Phoebe to the Romans and she may well have delivered his letter. "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me." Romans 16 1-2

Let us give thanks for these women of faith and give thanks for women of faith in our own day.

Are we fellow workers in Christ Jesus?