

## Prayer is like a telephone

- Revd John Marshall

Recently we had a visit from an Open Reach engineer who repaired our phone in the junction box and boosted our broadband while she was at it. We were very grateful to have our phone back but we had been able to use our mobiles, so it wasn't wildly inconvenient.

I can remember when we didn't have a phone at home, and the red telephone boxes were a lifeline, as long as you had plenty of change.

The padre on one of our Crusader holidays, Gordon, was innovative – he used a phone in his talk, and there was an answer. I was impressed – of course he was teaching about prayer.

We sometimes sing,

Prayer is like a telephone

For us to talk to Jesus

Prayer is like a telephone

For us to talk to God. (Paul Crouch and David Mudie, 1504 in our hymnbook.)

But prayer is not just about talking, when we have a conversation it is two-way, there are many ways to listen to God. We remember that Elijah, after the fire, heard the still small voice of God.

And in Psalm 46.10 we are reminded to “Be still and know that I am God.”

In the words of the song let's “pick it up and use it every day.”

Amen

Song 1: Be still and know that I am God – you can listen to it here (can you spot the typo on the video!? – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zN0XfOTC8U>)

Be still and know, that I am God ...

I am the Lord that health Thee...

In thee O Lord I put my trust...

Song 2: Prayer is like a telephone – you can listen to it here –  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAUik9wPxUs>

Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to Jesus  
Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to God  
Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to Jesus  
Pick it up and use it every day

We can shout out loud  
We can whisper softly  
We can make no noise at all  
But He'll always hear our call