Bible study for w/b Sunday 2nd August 2015 The parable of the persistent widow

1. What two factors are most significant in making prayer *difficult* for you?

Read Luke 18:1-8

- 2. The characters in the parable are drawn sketchily but vividly. What images come to mind when you think about...
 - (i) the widow
 - (ii) the judge
- 3. What we believe about God and how we feel about him when we pray may not be the same. In what ways do our feelings and beliefs sometimes conflict when we pray?
- 4. How is the God who reveals himself to us in the Bible different to the judge in the parable? (NB vv7-8a)
- 5. When are we most tempted to give up praying about someone or something?
- 6. How can we
 - (i) help ourselves
 - (ii) help each other

to be more prayerful?

Do make a special effort to get along to the monthly prayer meeting THIS TUESDAY evening. But if you can't get there, do set aside time on Tuesday to especially pray for the life and witness of Deane Church family.

Terry 29-vii-15