

Come along to one of our
meetings and find out more!

We meet every Sunday at 10.30am
Teas and coffees served afterwards

Oast Community Centre,
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**LIFE IS LIKE AN
OLYMPIC RACE**





For some, life is the hundred metres...
Tragically over in a flash at a young age.

For others, life is a middle-distance race...
Completed before they reach the age of fifty.

Then there are those who seem to go on forever...
Life is a marathon.

We all race against time. Your watch may stop but the body clock keeps ticking. When you are young, life is a marathon before you; summer holidays seem to last a year; school a lifetime.

The older you get, the more life becomes a sprint. Some try to run from it by trying to look younger. But, young or old, *we are all in that race.*

Winning gold at the Olympics would be a fantastic achievement, but victory is soon forgotten. When the fame and the ability is gone, *what then?*

As time goes by, all we achieve in life becomes a distant memory. It is what the Bible calls:

A crown that will not last!

Let me urge you to *enter a different race for a crown that will last forever.* This race is already run by the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a race against sin, unbeaten for thousands of years. And it was a race against death – *all conquering.*

Try conquering sin. It is like running a race against a horse. Try overcoming death. It is like running against a Ferrari. Both are impossible! But the good news is that:

Jesus Christ has won the prize; an achievement far greater than gold. He has conquered sin and overcome death.

When you enter *this* race you are on the Victory Lap. All is set. The track is marked out. The stadium is full. The time has come. Your name is called. Will you enter? Will you run?

*Will you come to Jesus Christ and repent of your sins?
Will you receive a crown greater than gold?*

One day the race of life will be over. Your body clock will stop ticking. That will be the finishing line. Will you wear the victor's crown? ▪

