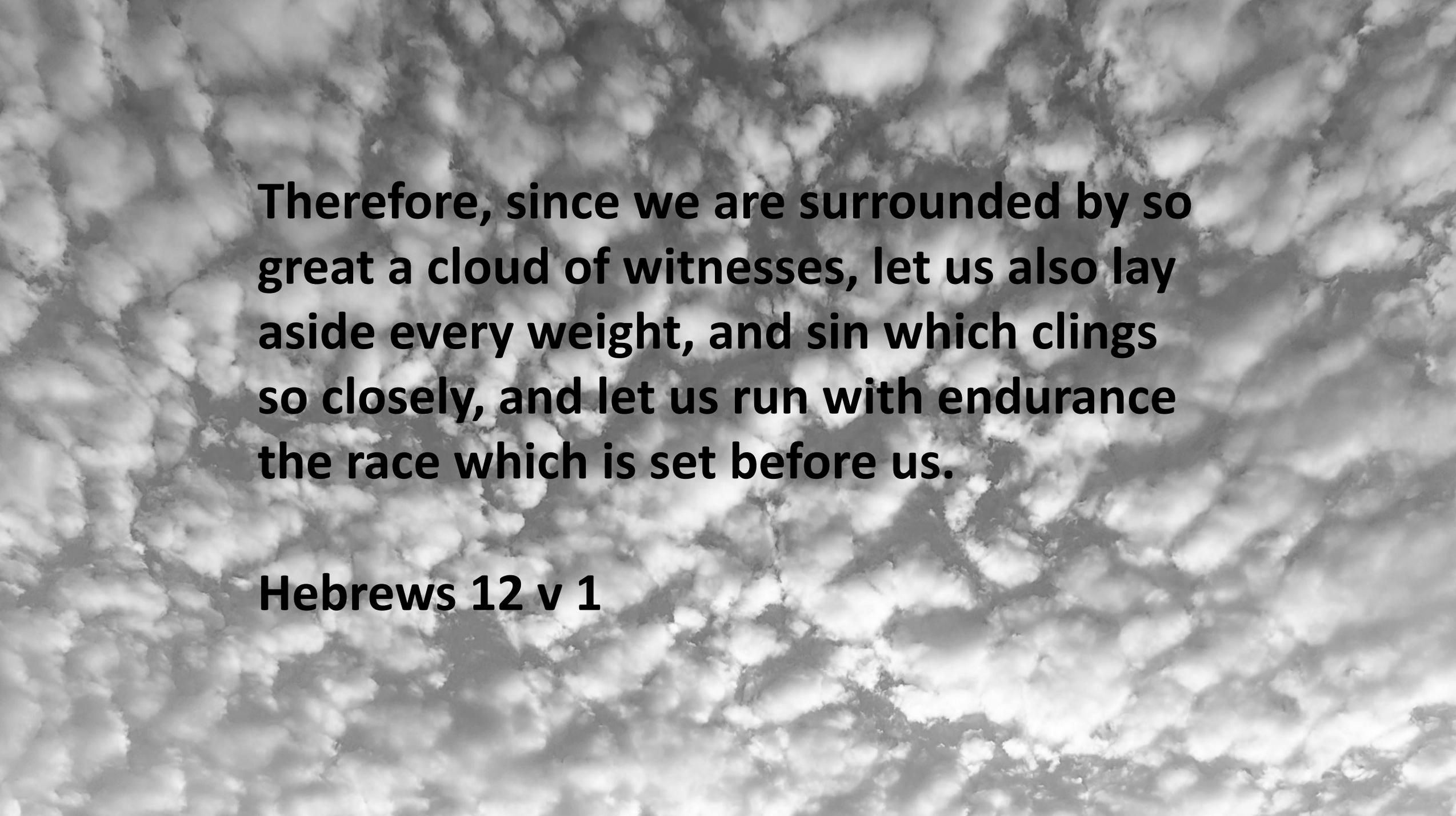


cloud of witnesses

look up look back look around look forward





Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race which is set before us.

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Looking back



The Quiz of Saints

Which bearded female saint is usually depicted crucified, with one shoe off and one shoe on, and a small violinist at her feet?

- A) St Uncumber
- B) St Frasobliwa
- C) St Wilgefortis
- D) St Librada
- E) St Debarras



Who is the patron
Saint of Vegetarians?

- A) St Bernard of Pesto
- B) St Tomatina of Passata
- C) St Isidore of Seville
- D) St Nicholas of Tolentino
- E) St Drogo of Islington



What happened to St Ursula and her 11,000 virgins?

- A) They went for a spa day in Yeovil
- B) They were sent as mail-order brides to Brittany
- C) They ended up in Cologne by mistake
- D) They were shot by the Huns
- E) They were the victims of a spelling mistake



What did a Stylite get up to?

- A) Holy fashion shows
- B) Pierced their flesh with needles
- C) Lived in pig-styes
- D) Spent 30 years on top of a pillar
- E) Pushed a boulder uphill every day, only to have it roll back down again overnight
- F) Only wore goat-skins.



Which Saint punched the heretic Arius in the Gob at the Council of Nicaea?

- A) St Clint of make-my-day-punk
- B) St Myth of Redemptive Violence
- C) St Athanasius of Alexandria
- D) St Jerome of Stridon
- E) Father Christmas



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Iconostasis



Iconostasis

Who are the saints that have inspired you?

Official saints and unofficial saints

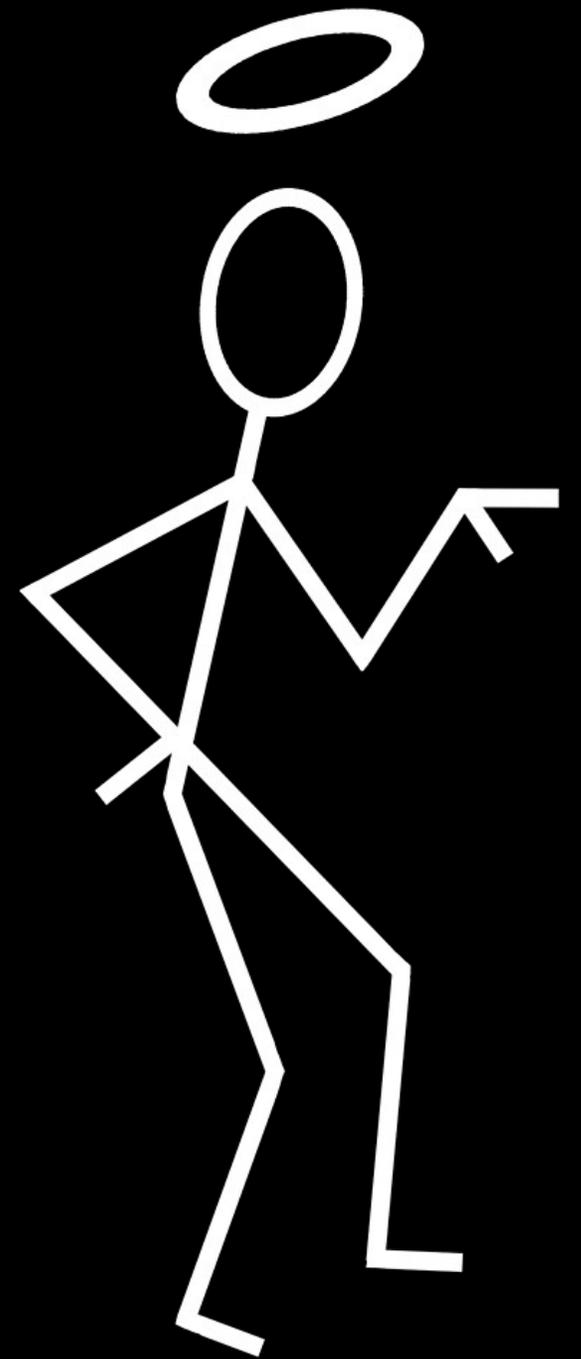
Famous and unfamous

Who has been important to your faith?

Open the link in the chat in a new browser tab

Add pictures, words or post-its to the iconostasis

Tell one another about your chosen saint



Shrine































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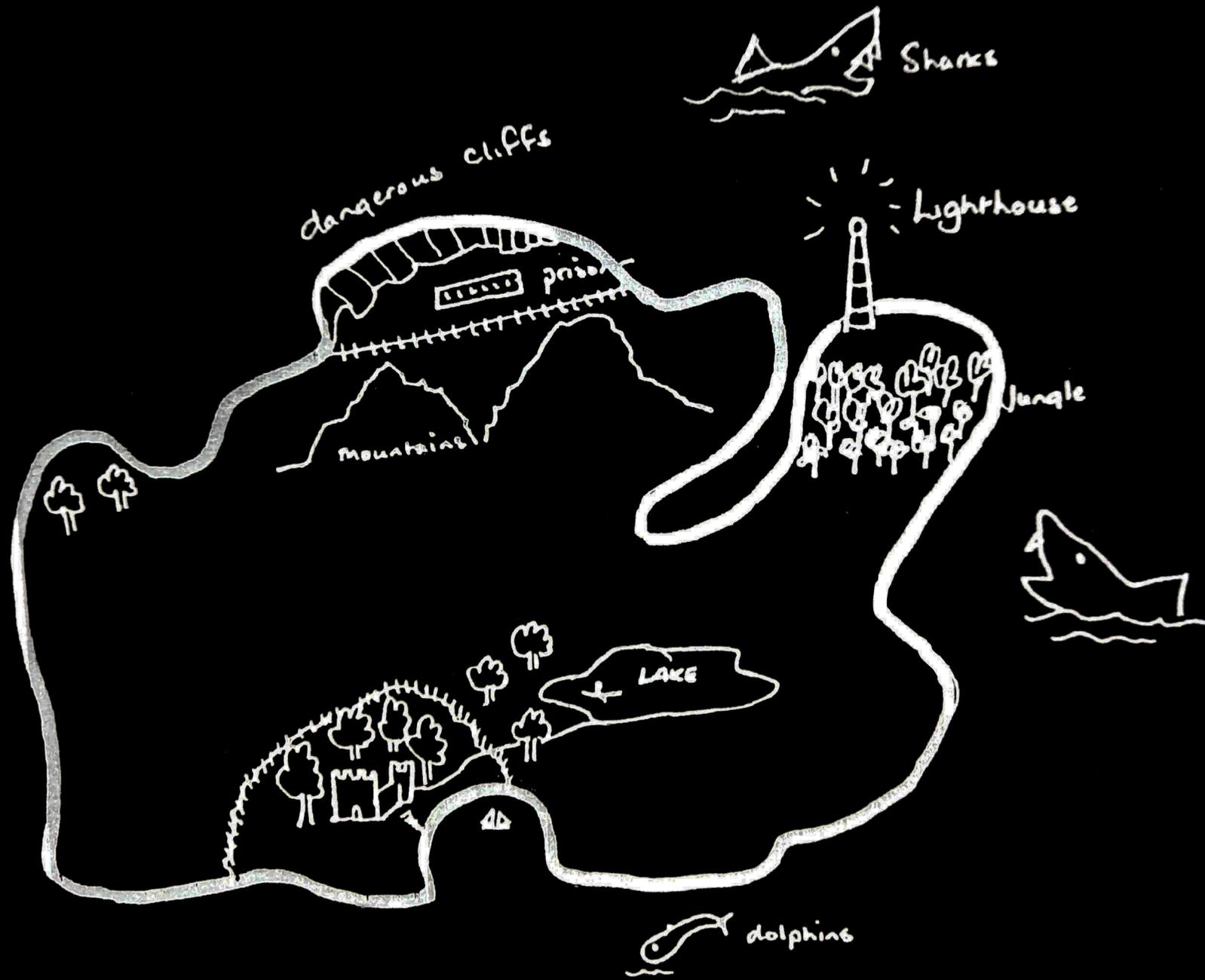






Looking around - 2020





A black and white photograph capturing a massive flock of birds, likely pigeons, in flight. The birds are densely packed in the upper two-thirds of the frame, creating a dark, textured cloud against a lighter, overcast sky. Below the birds, the top of a large, ornate building is visible. The building features a prominent central dome with a lantern on top, surrounded by smaller domes and architectural details. The overall scene conveys a sense of a large gathering or assembly.

Gathering the cloud of witnesses

Gathering

In a minute I'm going to ask you to

- Briefly turn your camera **off** - so the gallery will go dark
- Unmute your mike - so we can all speak

One by one we will be gathered back into the community after our time on the island

The words we'll use will be on the screen on the next slide - if you have problems with your mic please use the chat box

Gathering

We take it in turns to individually say:

I am here

We all respond with

We are with you

Giving thanks

Tonight as we gather to share bread and wine we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses that have shaped our lives and our faith.

We give thanks for the saints of the past who have inspired our lives – for their actions and their stories, for their example and their love.

We look back and give thanks

We give thanks for everyone who has shaped our lives and our faith. For the known and the unknown, the global and the personal, the feted and the ignored.

We look around and give thanks

We give thanks and grieve for those who are absent from our lives, those we cannot meet or talk to, those who are far away or estranged.

We look up and give thanks

We give thanks for our place in the cloud of witnesses and pray that we may have the faith, vision and love to walk alongside friends and strangers looking forward to the coming of God's kingdom.

We look forward and give thanks

Sharing bread and wine

Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples as they remembered their ancestors' deliverance from Egypt.

Jesus spent that evening with friends who would be transformed by his life, death and resurrection.

This evening we ask by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may share in the same story and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying - "Take eat, this is my body which is given for you."

After supper he took the cup, gave God thanks and said to his disciples - "This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you"

Together we proclaim:

Christ has died

Christ is Risen

Christ will come again

Come to Christ's table and eat and drink
With the disciples in the gospels
With the saints who have inspired us
With the memory of those we have lost
With those who are here this evening.

Let us share bread and wine together

Looking forward

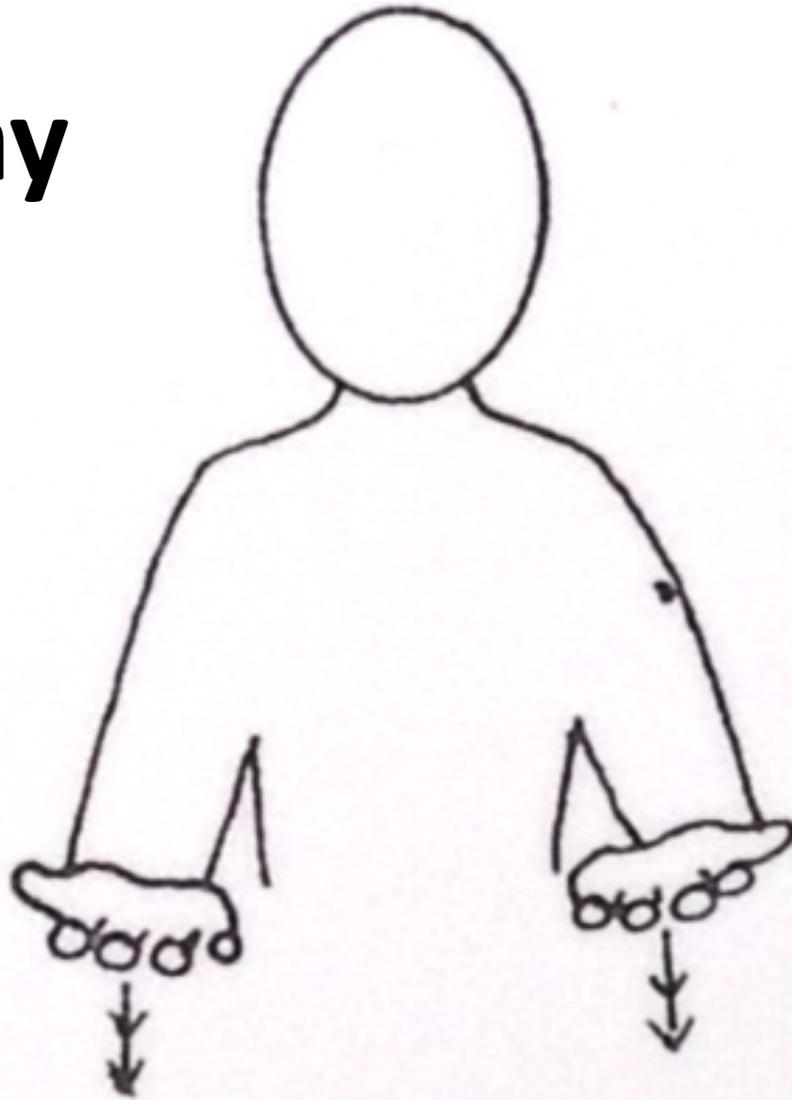




yesterday



today



tomorrow

