

Home Group Outline for w/c Sunday 24th June 2018

WELCOME

- ⊕ Have you ever had a memorable dream which has stayed with you

WORSHIP

- ⊕ Sing or listen to a worship song such as "This is Amazing Grace" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc>, or similar
- ⊕ Pass an object from person to person.
The person holding the object may either
 1. Explain briefly how they first came to trust Christ,
 2. Explain how God has been helping them at the moment,
 3. Explain the reason why they come to this group, or
 4. Pass the object on without needing to say anything.
- ⊕ Conclude with a short time of prayer to thank God for these words of testimony

WORD

- ⊕ **Read 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**
- ⊕ What was memorable about Sunday's sermon?
- ⊕ What does this passage reveal to us about Paul?
- ⊕ If you have time, read 2Cor 11:16-30. Does this help explain why Paul told the Corinthians about these visions in 12:2-10?
- ⊕ Have you had an experience of God through a dream or vision?
- ⊕ Why does Paul keep coming back to talking about his weaknesses?
- ⊕ What might Paul's 'painful physical ailment' or 'thorn in the flesh' have been?
- ⊕ Has God given you a 'thorn in the flesh' to keep you dependent on him?
- ⊕ Have you ever found the sentiments of v.9 to be of significance to you?

WITNESS

- ⊕ Pray for those of us, who, like Paul, struggle with some 'thorn in the flesh'; that we would learn to daily depend on God and, as a result, rejoice in our weakness

From St Matthew's Memorial Book

William Mercer

Janet Bailey

Joan Campbell

The Parish of The Risen Lord, Preston 8th July 2018 6th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

10.30am at St James, Knowsley Street

11am St Matthews, New Hall Lane

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Today

St Matthews Stewards: Geoffrey & Sandra; Reader: Sandra; Prayers: Bob;
Drinks: Doreen & Maureen

St James Readers: Margaret & Beryl; Prayers: Norma; Drinks: Dot

Next Sunday 15th July 2018

St Matthews Stewards: Colin & James; Reader: Jane; Prayers: Bob; Drinks: Jane & Ruth

St James Readers: Irene & Joseph; Prayers: Norman; Drinks: Norma

For your prayers.

Sheila Symons, Eric Lee, Sheena Nelson, Joyce, Siobhan Draper, Martin Quinn, Pete Johnston, Thomas, Avis Morris, Margaret Anderson, Sister Agnes, Norman Dickinson, Mavis Berry and Irene Gardener. Nena Yousif (Kamran's niece) undergoing chemotherapy and Geoffrey Loxham

This week

Monday: 1 pm St Matthew's Mission Work Club
6 pm Rainbows and Brownies at St Matthew's Mission
8 pm Zumba class at St Matthews Mission

Tuesday: 5.15 pm Talk & Tucker at St Matthews Mission

Wednesday: 9.45 am Communion at St Matthews
10 am St James Coffee Morning
7 pm Fitness Group at St Matthews Mission
8pm Homegroup at St Matthew's Vicarage

Thursday: 9.30 am Twinkling Stars Toddler Group at St Matthews Mission
7.30 pm Home Group at St James

Parish Away Day (Advance Notice)



Sat 15th September 2018

10am - 4pm

At Inglewhite Congregational Church

A day to pray, worship, learn, think, discuss
and enjoy time with each other

Further details to follow.

Please mark it in your diary now!

Bible Readings

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

² I know a certain Christian man who fourteen years ago was snatched up to the highest heaven (I do not know whether this actually happened or whether he had a vision—only God knows). ³ ⁴ I repeat, I know that this man was snatched to Paradise (again, I do not know whether this actually happened or whether it was a vision—only God knows), and there he heard things which cannot be put into words, things that human lips may not speak. ⁵ So I will boast about this man—but I will not boast about myself, except the things that show how weak I am. ⁶ If I wanted to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be telling the truth. But I will not boast, because I do not want any of you to have a higher opinion of me than you have as a result of what you have seen me do and heard me say.

⁷ But to keep me from being puffed up with pride because of the many wonderful things I saw, I was given a painful physical ailment, which acts as Satan's messenger to beat me and keep me from being proud. ⁸ Three times I prayed to the Lord about this and asked him to take it away. ⁹ But his answer was: "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. ¹⁰ I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6: 1-13

⁶ Jesus left that place and went back to his hometown, followed by his disciples. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles?" ³ Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own hometown and by their relatives and their family."

⁵ He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.

Then Jesus went to the villages around there, teaching the people. ⁷ He called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. He gave them authority over the evil spirits ⁸ and ordered them, "Don't take anything with you on the trip except a walking stick—no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. ⁹ Wear sandals, but don't carry an extra shirt." ¹⁰ He also told them, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. ¹¹ If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!"

¹² So they went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. ¹³ They drove out many demons, and rubbed olive oil on many sick people and healed them.

St Matthew's Mission Services

*The next service will happen on **Sunday 15th July**. Praise God that Geoffrey has had encouraging hospital test results and will return to ministry in the parish in August after a short period of rest.*

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