

Home Group Outline for w/c Sunday 15th July 2018

WELCOME

- ⊕ Do you feel positive or negative about your life at the moment?

WORSHIP

- ⊕ Read through the ten commandments as given in Exodus 20
- ⊕ Why are they good for us, and which do break most easily and often?
- ⊕ Listen to "Create in Me a Clean Heart O God" by Jason Silver
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjsG6IHEUUE&v=en-GB>
- ⊕ Conclude with a short time of prayer together

WORD

- ⊕ **Read Ephesians 1:1-14**
- ⊕ In what ways was Sunday's sermon helpful? Did it raise any questions?
- ⊕ What do we learn about Paul from his greeting in v.1-2?
- ⊕ **Read v.2-6.** What encourages you or puzzles you about these verses?
- ⊕ Why is the idea that God has chosen you helpful?
- ⊕ How do you feel about being adopted by God?
- ⊕ In v.7, how would you explain the word 'redemption'?
- ⊕ How do v.9-10 help us understand God's plans for the world?
- ⊕ In v.11-14, what more privileges do we find we have as Christians?
- ⊕ How does God guarantee that we will one day receive all these blessings in all their fullness?

WITNESS

- ⊕ Do you know anyone discouraged in their faith? Pray that they will know and experience the blessing of these verses.

From St Matthew's Memorial Book

James Carter Mary Deverson Alfred Barton Gertrude Garlick,
Bill Balchin Edna Smuyls Harold Mason Alexander Robinson,
John Hewitt Annie Margaret Armstrong



Open Home at the Vicarage 2 - 4.30pm Sat 28th July

Pippa & I would like to invite you to join us at the Vicarage for coffee, tea and cakes. Come for as long as you are able, we'd love to see you there.

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The Parish of The Risen Lord, Preston 15th July 2018 7th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

9.30am at St Matthew's Mission
10.30am at St James, Knowsley Street
11am St Matthews, New Hall Lane

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Today

St Matthews Stewards: Colin & James; Reader: Jane; Prayers: Bob;
Drinks: Jane & Ruth
St James Readers: Irene & Joseph; Prayers: Norman; Drinks: Norma

Next Sunday 22nd July 2018

St Matthews Stewards: Jill & Janet; Reader: Florence Sahara; Prayers: Greg;
Drinks: Liz & Janet
St James Readers: Norman & Richard; Prayers: Cath; Drinks: Beryl

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 James
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)

10am - 4pm Sat 15th September 2018

At Inglewhite Congregational Church

A day to pray, worship, learn, think, discuss and enjoy time with each other
Further details to follow.



Bible Readings

Ephesians 1: 1-14

1 From Paul, who by God's will is an apostle of Christ Jesus—

To God's people in Ephesus, who are faithful in their life in union with Christ Jesus:

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

3 Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world. **4** Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before him.

Because of his love **5** God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose. **6** Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! **7** For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, **8** which he gave to us in such large measure!

In all his wisdom and insight **9** God did what he had purposed and made known to us the secret plan he had already decided to complete by means of Christ. **10** This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head.

11 All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning. **12** Let us, then, who were the first to hope in Christ, praise God's glory!

13 And you also became God's people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. **14** The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory!

Mark 6: 14-29

14 Now King Herod heard about all this, because Jesus' reputation had spread everywhere. Some people were saying, "John the Baptist has come back to life! That is why he has this power to perform miracles."

15 Others, however, said, "He is Elijah."

Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

16 When Herod heard it, he said, "He is John the Baptist! I had his head cut off, but he has come back to life!" **17** Herod himself had ordered John's arrest, and he had him tied up and put in prison. Herod did this because of Herodias, whom he had married, even though she was the wife of his brother Philip. **18** John the Baptist kept telling Herod, "It isn't right for you to marry your brother's wife!"

19 So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she could not because of Herod. **20** Herod was afraid of John because he knew that John was a good and holy man, and so he kept him safe. He liked to listen to him, even though he became greatly disturbed every time he heard him.

21 Finally Herodias got her chance. It was on Herod's birthday, when he gave a feast for all the top government officials, the military chiefs, and the leading citizens of Galilee. **22** The daughter of Herodias came in and danced, and pleased Herod and his guests. So, the king said to the girl, "What would you like to have? I will give you anything you want." **23** With many vows he said to her, "I swear that I will give you anything you ask for, even as much as half my kingdom!"

24 So the girl went out and asked her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

25 The girl hurried back at once to the king and demanded, "I want you to give me here and now the head of John the Baptist on a plate!"

26 This made the king very sad, but he could not refuse her because of the vows he had made in front of all his guests. **27** So he sent off a guard at once with orders to bring John's head. The guard left, went to the prison, and cut John's head off; **28** then he brought it on a plate and gave it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. **29** When John's disciples heard about this, they came and got his body, and buried it.