

## Home Group Outline for w/c Sunday 22nd July 2018

### WELCOME

- ⊕ How much do you know about your family tree? Where did you come from?

### WORSHIP

- ⊕ **Read Psalm 32**
- ⊕ How many reasons can you find here to trust God?
- ⊕ v.11 tells us to sing and rejoice.
- ⊕ Choose a worship song to sing together, then take time in prayer to praise and worship God for who he is.

### WORD

- ⊕ **Read Ephesians 2:11-22**
- ⊕ Can you think of examples of Bible stories where there was animosity between Jews & non-Jews?
- ⊕ What encouragement would v.11-13 have given to the Gentile Christians in Ephesus? Is there anything that particularly stands out for you in these verses?
- ⊕ In v.14-18, how did God bridge the gulf between Jew and Gentile?
- ⊕ In v.19-22, how does God preserve the unity of a church made up from so many diverse nationalities and cultures?
- ⊕ How can we present the good news of Jesus so that it bridges the gulf between us and 'outsiders' in our parish?

### WITNESS

- ⊕ Pray for the 'Hunger Markets happening at St Matthew's and the Mission during August

### From St Matthew's Memorial Book

Robert Mercer, Henry Draycott, Ronald Robinson, Christopher Bond, Harry Bimbson, Gordon Hayes, Hilda Dent, Frederick Phipps, David Thomas Bamber, Florence Kellett Cottam, Maureen Taylor, Margaret Joan Tite (Parish worker) & George Thorpe Ferguson

### 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. Alistair



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## The Parish of The Risen Lord, Preston 22nd July 2018 8th 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

### Rotas

#### Today

St Matthews Stewards: Jill & Janet; Reader: Florence Sahara; Prayers: Nancy;  
Drinks: Doreen/Maureen

St James Readers: Norman & Richard; Prayers: Cath; Drinks: Beryl

#### Next Sunday 29th July 2018 UNITED SERVICE at St James (+ Jacob's Join)

St James Readers: Joseph & Beryl; Prayers: Dot; Drinks: Cath

### 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.

The family of Nena Yousif (Kamran's niece) who died last week.

### 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

Wednesday: 9.45 am Communion at St Matthew's  
10 am St James Coffee Morning  
7 pm Fitness Group at St Matthews Mission  
8pm Homegroup at 3 Bodmin Street

Thursday 7pm 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 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup> You Gentiles by birth—called “the uncircumcised” by the Jews, who call themselves the circumcised (which refers to what men do to their bodies)—remember what you were in the past. <sup>12</sup> At that time you were apart from Christ. You were foreigners and did not belong to God's chosen people. You had no part in the covenants, which were based on God's promises to his people, and you lived in this world without hope and without God. <sup>13</sup> But now, in union with Christ Jesus you, who used to be far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. <sup>15</sup> He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup> By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. <sup>17</sup> So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all—to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. <sup>18</sup> It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father.

<sup>19</sup> So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now citizens together with God's people and members of the family of God. <sup>20</sup> You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself. <sup>21</sup> He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

### Mark 6: 30-52

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned and met with Jesus, and told him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, “Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest a while.” <sup>32</sup> So they started out in a boat by themselves to a lonely place.

<sup>33</sup> Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> When it was getting late, his disciples came to him and said, “It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away, and let them go to the nearby farms and villages in order to buy themselves something to eat.”

<sup>37</sup> “You yourselves give them something to eat,” Jesus answered.

They asked, “Do you want us to go and spend two hundred silver coins<sup>[c]</sup> on bread in order to feed them?”

<sup>38</sup> So Jesus asked them, “How much bread do you have? Go and see.”

When they found out, they told him, “Five loaves and also two fish.”

<sup>39</sup> Jesus then told his disciples to make all the people divide into groups and sit down on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So the people sat down in rows, in groups of a hundred and groups of fifty. <sup>41</sup> Then Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> Everyone ate and had enough. <sup>43</sup> Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left of the bread and the fish. <sup>44</sup> The number of men who were fed was five thousand.

<sup>45</sup> At once Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to Bethsaida, on the other side of the lake, while he sent the crowd away. <sup>46</sup> After saying good-bye to the people, he went away to a hill to pray. <sup>47</sup> When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, while Jesus was alone on land. <sup>48</sup> He saw that his disciples were straining at the oars, because they were rowing against the wind; so sometime between three and six o'clock in the morning, he came to them, walking on the water. He was going to pass them by,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>49</sup> but they saw him walking on the water. “It's a ghost!” they thought, and screamed. <sup>50</sup> They were all terrified when they saw him.

Jesus spoke to them at once, “Courage!” he said. “It is I. Don't be afraid!” <sup>51</sup> Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind died down. The disciples were completely amazed, <sup>52</sup> because they had not understood the real meaning of the feeding of the five thousand; their minds could not grasp it.