

Home Group Outline for w/c Sunday 5th August 2018

WELCOME

- Do you feel that the 3 congregations which comprise the parish of the Risen Lord feel 'at one with each other'?
- What hinders our sense of unity?

WORSHIP

- Ask each person if there is a particular Bible passage that is special to them. Read it out and ask them to explain why it is so special.
- After everyone has had an opportunity to share, praise God for the way he has used his Word in our lives to speak to us and influence us.

WORD

- **Read Ephesians 4:1-16**
- How many times are the words 'unity' or 'one' mentioned in the passage?
- What do you remember from Sunday's sermon?
- How does Paul want us to live in v.1-3, and how would our church life be improved if we all lived like that?
- How can we *"do our best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together"*(v.3).
- What 4 leadership gifts (v.11) does Christ give to his church? What are they each about and how do they differ from one another?
- Paul's hope is for a mature church in Ephesus. What are the marks of a mature church (v.14-16) and how close are we to attaining that?

WITNESS

- How about organising a purely social event in place of cell group on one occasion in August (to which you could invite non-Christian friends)? Think about who you could invite and what sort of event would they most enjoy.

From St Matthew's Memorial Book

Robert Walker Elizabeth Ellen Preston Gertrude Robinson,
Bessie Mercer Mary Agnes Hopkinson
Florence Elizabeth McDowell

The Parish of The Risen Lord, Preston
5th August 2018 **10th Sunday after Trinity**

Today's Services:

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

Today

St Matthew's Reader: Sandra Prayers: Bob Refreshments: Maureen & Doreen
Stewards: Geoffrey/Sandra

St James Readers: Margaret & Cath; Prayers: Joseph; Refreshments: Dot

Next Sunday 12th August 2018

St Matthew's Reader: Florence Sahotra Prayers: Nancy
Refreshments: Jane & Ruth Stewards: Colin & James

St James Readers: Irene & Joseph; Prayers: Normsn; Refreshments: 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. The family of Nena Yousif (Kamran's niece).



Jamaica Independence Day Service

5pm Sunday 5th August at St Matthew's Church

Removal of Pews and Organ at St Matthew's

The PCC recently applied for a Faculty to remove the pews on each side of St Matthew's Church. Also the organ and choir stalls. The organ has not been used for services for a number years. Please look at the details and drawings on the notice board at the back of church.

Parish Away Day 10am - 4pm Sat 15th September 2018

There are sign-up sheets at the back of church. Please sign up and indicate if you need a lift or if you can offer a lift, also any dietary requirements

Today's Bible Readings

Ephesians 4:1-16

I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. ² Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. ³ Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

⁷ Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given. ⁸ As the scripture says,

“When he went up to the very heights,
he took many captives with him;
he gave gifts to people.”

⁹ Now, what does “he went up” mean? It means that first he came down to the lowest depths of the earth.^[a] ¹⁰ So the one who came down is the same one who went up, above and beyond the heavens, to fill the whole universe with his presence. ¹¹ It was he who “gave gifts to people”; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. ¹² He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. ¹³ And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. ¹⁴ Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. ¹⁵ Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

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John 6:24-35

²⁴ When the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into those boats and went to Capernaum, looking for him. ²⁵ When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, “Teacher, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him.”

²⁸ So they asked him, “What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent.”

³⁰ They replied, “What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² “I am telling you the truth,” Jesus said. “What Moses gave you was not^[c] the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they asked him, “give us this bread always.” ³⁵ “I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.”

This week

Monday:	1 pm St Matthew's Mission Work Club
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

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