

Home Group Outline for w/c Sunday 12th August 2018

WELCOME

- What was your first paid job after school; how much did you earn and can you remember how you spent your first pay packet?

WORSHIP

- **Read Ephesians 2:1-10** (a passage that hasn't featured on Sunday mornings)
- What does this passage tell us about:
 1. Us
 2. God
 3. Jesus
 4. Our relationship with God
- Allow time to praise God for what we have learnt from this passage.
- Finish by singing or listening to a hymn/worship song

WORD

- **Read Ephesians 4:25-5:2**
- What was the main challenge for you from Sunday's sermon?
- Do you think Paul's moral instructions are too obvious or basic for us to worry about in v.25-29?
- Paul warns about a number of things;
 - v. 25 Lying
 - v. 26 Anger
 - v. 28 Stealing
 - v. 29 Harmful words
 - v. 31 Other harmful actionsDo you know of any incidences where these have disrupted church life or a Christian's personal walk with God?
- Why does v.30 matter?
- What is the antidote to bad behaviour in a Christian in 4:32-5:2?

WITNESS

- Share what this group can pray for you for this coming week?
- Pray now for each other and aim to pray for each other throughout the week. (Could someone send round an email with all the prayer points?)

12th August 2018

The Parish of The Risen Lord, Preston
11th 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: Jane Prayers: James Refreshments: Jane & Ruth
Stewards: Colin & James

St James Readers: Irene/Joseph; Prayers: Norman; Refreshments: Norma

Next Sunday 19th August 2018

St Matthew's Reader: Florence Sahotra Prayers: Nancy
Refreshments: Liz & Janet Stewards: Jill & Janet

St James Readers: Cath/Richard; Prayers: Norma; Refreshments: Cath

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 of years. Please look at the details and drawings on the notice board at the back of church.

From St Matthew's Memorial Book

Albert Edward Calvert,	William Moon	Mary Rutledge
Marjorie Brooks,	Russel Taylor,	Edith Annie Barber
Barbara Ann Walker	Joan M. R. Piggott	Elizabeth Holker
Minnie Winster	Doris Wignall	

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

Check out our revitalised Parish Website at
www.therisenlord.org.uk

Today's Bible Readings

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ No more lying, then! Each of you must tell the truth to the other believer, because we are all members together in the body of Christ. ²⁶ If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day. ²⁷ Don't give the Devil a chance. ²⁸ If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor. ²⁹ Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. ³⁰ And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. ³² Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.

5 Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. ²Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.

John 6:35-51

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. ³⁶ Now, I told you that you have seen me but will not believe. ³⁷ Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, ³⁸ because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And it is the will of him who sent me that I should not lose any of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them all to life on the last day. ⁴⁰ For what my Father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life. And I will raise them to life on the last day."

⁴¹ The people started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² So they said, "This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?"

⁴³ Jesus answered, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴ People cannot

come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. ⁴⁵ The prophets wrote, 'Everyone will be taught by God.' Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ This does not mean that anyone has seen the Father; he who is from God is the only one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I am telling you the truth: he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. ⁵⁰ But the bread that comes down from heaven is of such a kind that whoever eats it will not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever. The bread that I will give you is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live."

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).

This week

Monday: 1 pm St Matthew's Mission Work Club

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 3 Bodmin Street

Thursday 7pm Home Group at St James

St Matthews's Mission Foodbank is running low!!

Can you help with donations of non-perishable food?

See Nancy for further details

