

Homegroup Outline w/c Sun 16th September

WELCOME

- ✚ What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

WORSHIP

- ✚ Read Psalm 85 together
- ✚ Reflect on this psalm What is there here that makes you want to praise and thank God?
- ✚ Spend a short time praying and praising God together fthe truths in Psalm 85
- ✚ Conclude by singing or listening to a worship song

WORD

- ✚ Think back to the sermon. Did anything strike you? What stood out?
- ✚ Already Jesus is drawing huge crowds. Why do people seem to flock to him? (Look back over chapter 1)
- ✚ **Read Mark 2:1-7.** Put yourself in the shoes of the paralysed man's friends. Why would Jesus' response come as such a shock?
- ✚ "What is humanity's biggest problem?" How would you answer this question? How do you think Jesus would answer it?
- ✚ Jesus has used these surprising events as an opportunity to teach the crowd about himself. What do we learn about Jesus' identity here?
- ✚ **Read Mark 2:8-12.** Try to summarise the point that Jesus is making here in your own words.
- ✚ How does today's popular view of Jesus differ from the one Mark sets out?
- ✚ As Jesus' identity starts to become clear, opposition begins to rise. In your experience, what is it about the message of Jesus and his Kingdom that causes hostility?
- ✚ The passage ends with amazement (a big theme in Mark already; see 1:22; 1:27. Share together some of the things about Jesus that leave you in amazement!

WITNESS

- ✚ How might Psalm 85 be relevant to our church and parish?

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The Parish of the Risen Lord, Preston 16th September 2018 16th 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

Theme: Jesus: The Restorer (Mark 2:1-12)

Reader Sandra **Prayers** Nancy
Stewards Geoffrey & Sandra **Refreshments** Jane & Ruth
St James **Readers** Irene & Joseph **Prayers** Norman;
Refreshments Norma

23rd Sept 2018

St Matthew's

Theme: Jesus: The Life-giver (Mark 5:21-43)

Reader Jane **Prayers** Greg **Stewards** Greg & Colin
Refreshments Janet & Liz
St James **Readers** Norman & Richard **Prayers** Cath
Refreshments Beryl

This week

Monday: 1 pm St Matthew's Mission Work Club
Tuesday 5.30pm Youth Cafe at St Matthew's Mission
7pm START Course (2 of 6) in the Vicarage
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
Friday 2pm Funeral at St Matthew's (Mrs Webb)

For your prayers.

Sheila Symons, Eric Lee, Sheena Nelson, Joyce, Siobhan Draper, Martin Quinn, Thomas, Avis Morris, Margaret Anderson, Norman Dickinson, Mavis Berry and Irene Gardener.

From St Matthew's Memorial Book

Lilian Thew Wilfred Allan Botha John Hobson Clifford Jackson
Annie Sheridan Marjorie Cuerden Mary Hall.

Today's Bible Readings

Psalm 85

Lord, you have been merciful to your land;
you have made Israel prosperous again.

² You have forgiven your people's sins
and pardoned all their wrongs.

³ You stopped being angry with them
and held back your furious rage.

⁴ Bring us back, O God our savior,
and stop being displeased with us!

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will your anger never cease?

⁶ Make us strong again,
and we, your people, will praise you.

⁷ Show us your constant love, O Lord,
and give us your saving help.

⁸ I am listening to what the Lord God is saying;
he promises peace to us, his own people,
if we do not go back to our foolish ways.

⁹ Surely he is ready to save those who honor him,
and his saving presence will remain in our land.

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will embrace.

¹¹ Human loyalty will reach up from the earth,
and God's righteousness will look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will make us prosperous,
and our land will produce rich harvests.

¹³ Righteousness will go before the Lord
and prepare the path for him.

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Mark 2:1-12

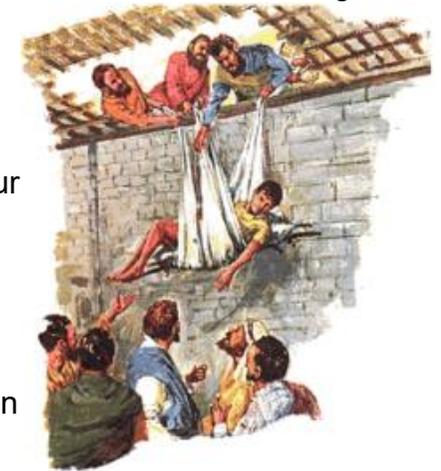
A few days later Jesus went back to Capernaum, and the news spread that he was at home. ² So many people came together that there was no room left, not even out in front of the door. Jesus was preaching the message to them ³ when four men arrived, carrying a paralysed man to Jesus. ⁴ Because of the crowd, however, they could not get the man to him. So they made a hole in the roof right above the place where Jesus was.

When they had made an opening, they let the man down, lying on his mat. ⁵ Seeing how much faith they had, Jesus said to the paralysed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Some teachers of the Law who were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷ "How does he dare talk like this? This is blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins!"

⁸ At once Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he said to them, "Why do you think such things? ⁹ Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, pick up your mat, and walk'? ¹⁰ I will prove to you, then, that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

¹² While they all watched, the man got up, picked up his mat, and hurried away. They were all completely amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



*This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ*