

## Parish of the Risen Lord

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### PLEASE READ THE TWO IMPORTANT NOTICES BELOW

#### 1. St Matthew's Mission

After much discussion and prayer, and following the response of many at the Parish Away Day on 15th September, *it has been agreed by the PCC to bring the 9.30am service to an end by the end of October.* This will be a sadness to many, but we hope that from the beginning of November, most of the mission congregation will feel able to link up with the congregation at St Matthew's.

As an alternative, we are going to start a Cafe Church during term time on Wednesday evenings at the Mission - this will be an informal service around tables where we can enjoy some refreshments and worship God together. We hope, in particular, that these services will be attractive to those who have no church background and have an atmosphere that will give us confidence to invite friends to come and join us.

*The first of these services will take place at 7pm on Wed 7th November,* further details to follow.

#### Sunday Services

The PCC have agreed to change the timing of our services from January 2019 so that Alistair is able to cover both St James & St Matthew's and also making it possible for one person to cover our Sunday services when we need cover.

*The proposal is that we meet as below:*

**10am St James'**

**11am Pre-service refreshments at St Matthew's followed by an 11.30 service.**

This will allow time for one person to take the service at St James (maybe have coffee with the congregation afterwards), then get to St Matthew's in time for 11.30am

Both DCCs will consult with their congregations and then discuss it (St Matthew's DCC on 25th Oct & St James DCC on 28th Oct) before final approval (or amendment) at PCC on 22nd November.

*If you have concerns about this, please give your feedback to your DCC members about these plans.*

## The Parish of the Risen Lord, Preston 30th September 2018 18th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service *Theme: Jesus: The Reformer (Mark 7:1-23)*  
**11am UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION at St Matthew's Mission with Jacob's Join afterwards (please stay for lunch if you can)**

Stewards Eric & Len

Reader Len

Prayers Nancy

7th October Harvest Services *Theme: Jesus: The Sower (Mark 4:1-20)*

**9.30am St Matthew's Mission, Acregate** *(Alistair will lead and preach)*

**10.30am at St James, Knowsley Street** *(Geoffrey will lead and preach)*

Readers Beryl & Norman

Prayers Joseph

Refreshments Dot

**11am at St Matthew's, New Hall Lane** *(Alistair will lead and preach)*

Reader Florence

Prayers Bob

Stewards Janet & Jill

Refreshments Doreen & Maureen

#### This week

Monday: 1 pm St Matthew's Mission Work Club  
4.15pm Building Team Meeting at St Matthew's Mission  
6 - 7pm Rainbows: Age 5 - 7;  
6 - 7.30pm Brownies: Age 7 - 10

Tuesday 5.30pm Youth Cafe at St Matthew's Mission  
7pm START Course (3 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  
7.30pm Parish Call to Prayer at the Vicarage

Thursday 9am St Matthew's School Harvest Service in Church  
7pm Home Group at St James

#### From St Matthew's Memorial Book

Albert Edward Shaw  
Edith Kirkham  
Dorothy Vere Cann  
Maria Watkinson

Francis Elisabeth Topping  
Albert Wilkinson  
Mary Rickard  
Albert (Bert) Pollard

Fred Tompkins  
Alice Parker  
Elizabeth Billington  
Jordan Nicholson

## Today's Bible Reading

### Mark 7:1-23



Some Pharisees and teachers of the Law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. <sup>2</sup> They noticed that some of his disciples were eating their food with hands that were ritually unclean—that is, they had not washed them in the way the Pharisees said people should.

<sup>3</sup> For the Pharisees, as well as the rest of the Jews, follow the teaching they received from their ancestors: they do not eat unless they wash their hands in the proper way; <sup>4</sup> nor do they eat anything that comes from the market unless they wash it first. And they follow many other rules which they have received, such as the proper way to wash cups, pots, copper bowls, and beds)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law asked Jesus, “Why is it that your disciples do not follow the teaching handed down by our ancestors, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered them, “How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote:

‘These people, says God, honour me with their words,  
but their heart is really far away from me.

<sup>7</sup> It is no use for them to worship me,  
because they teach human rules  
as though they were my laws!’

<sup>8</sup> “You put aside God’s command and obey human teachings.”

<sup>9</sup> And Jesus continued, “You have a clever way of rejecting God’s law in order to uphold your own teaching. <sup>10</sup> For Moses commanded, ‘Respect your father and your mother,’ and, ‘If you curse your father or your mother, you are to be put to death.’ <sup>11</sup> But you teach that if people have something

they could use to help their father or mother, but say, ‘This is Corban’ (which means, it belongs to God), <sup>12</sup> they are excused from helping their father or mother. <sup>13</sup> In this way the teaching you pass on to others cancels out the word of God. And there are many other things like this that you do.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus called the crowd to him once more and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand. <sup>15</sup> There is nothing that goes into you from the outside which can make you ritually unclean. Rather, it is what comes out of you that makes you unclean.” <sup>16</sup> [c]

<sup>17</sup> When he left the crowd and went into the house, his disciples asked him to explain this saying. <sup>18</sup> “You are no more intelligent than the others,” Jesus said to them. “Don’t you understand? Nothing that goes into you from the outside can really make you unclean, <sup>19</sup> because it does not go into your heart but into your stomach and then goes on out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared that all foods are fit to be eaten.)

<sup>20</sup> And he went on to say, “It is what comes out of you that makes you unclean. <sup>21</sup> For from the inside, from your heart, come the evil ideas which lead you to do immoral things, to rob, kill, <sup>22</sup> commit adultery, be greedy, and do all sorts of evil things; deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride, and folly— <sup>23</sup> all these evil things come from inside you and make you unclean.”

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

*Praise to you, O Christ*

#### For your prayers.

Sheila Symons

Joyce

Thomas

Norman Dickinson

Derek & Marjory Edwards

Jill Sumner

Eric Lee,

Siobhan Draper

Avis Morris

Mavis Berry

Sheena Nelson

Martin Quinn

Margaret Anderson

Irene Gardener

Geoffrey Loxham

