

Sunday morning teaching

Matthew - All our morning services from Christmas to Easter inclusive will be based on passages from Matthew's gospel. Matthew was a tax collector who became one of the first disciples of Jesus. His gospel shows most the Hebrew background to Jesus coming and is littered with Old Testament quotations and allusions. Over the weeks we will aim to get a flavour of the whole gospel. Matthew focuses particularly on the fact that Jesus is the long-promised Messiah (the Christ) for whom the people of Israel were waiting.

Sunday evening teaching

Exploring Colossians - we continue the series looking at this wonderful letter from the Apostle Paul to the saints in Colossae.

Issues Facing us Today - A series of four talks. The first looking at how we make ethical and moral decisions. Then three particular issues; the notion of human rights, abortion and euthanasia. The talk on abortion will be given by Steven Foster, one of the founder members of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child evangelical division.

What We Believe - in the second part of this series there will be two talks on the Bible, one on the Old Testament and one on the three Creeds, all based around Articles 6-8 of the Church of England's 39 Articles of Religion.

The audio for most sermons is posted on our website within a few days.

Contact and further information

If you would like to know more about the work of St. James or have any other enquiries please come along to a service, see our website (www.stjameschorley.org) or contact our Vicar, David Phillips

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Sunday and weekday activities

Our 10.30am attracts all sorts and sizes but families are particularly welcome. Most weeks the children have their own activities and teaching programme in small groups for part of the service. There is normally a Communion service once a month and occasional baptisms.

The 8.45am is quieter and usually a Communion service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, a service rich in Scripture and shaped by the glorious truth that we can be right with God only through faith in Christ.

There are a number of groups who meet together each week to read, discuss and learn from the Bible together. These are also opportunities for fellowship and prayer. Please ask if you would like to know more.

A service of Communion is held at 10.30am on the first Wednesday of each month. Every other Wednesday a meeting is held at 2pm in Church, on the 2nd and 4th week this is a Bible study, on the 3rd week Stitches of Hope (knitting for overseas aid) and a speaker whenever there is a 5th Sunday.

An occasional course, called Christianity Explored, is run giving an introduction to the Christian faith.

Crew, for children aged 6-11, meets early on Friday evenings for games, activities and teaching. There are two different age groups meeting separately.

Rooted, for young people aged 11-16, meets on Wednesday evenings for teaching, fellowship and other activities.

The Ladies Link meet once a month on a weekday evening for a range of activities.

A prayer meeting is held each Thursday morning, 10am, at 12 Canterbury Street.

Further details of activities and teaching will be published in our Church Magazine and on our website:

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Services &
teaching programme.



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Winter & Spring 2012

| | Sunday 8.45am | Sunday 10.30am | Sunday 6pm |
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| | All About Jesus - Matthew's Good News | | |
| 1st Jan | Matt 2.13-end - Jesus threatened | Matt 2.13-end - Jesus threatened | Exploring Colossians |
| 8th Jan | Matt 3.-12 - Jesus announced | Matt 3.-12 - Jesus announced | Col 1.15-17 - The Glory of Christ |
| 15th Jan | Matt 5.12-30 - Jesus' teaching - from the heart (Paul Hunter) | Matt 5.12-30 - Jesus' teaching - from the heart (Paul Hunter) | Col 1.18-20 - The ministry of Christ |
| | | | Issues Facing us Today |
| 22nd Jan | Matt 6.19-34 - Jesus' teaching - treasure in heaven | Matt 6.19-34 - Jesus' teaching - treasure in heaven | What is Christian Ethics? |
| 29th Jan | Matt 7.13-23 - Jesus the Way | Matt 7.13-23 - Jesus the Way | Are Rights Wrong? |
| 5th Feb | Accession Service :Matt 8.23-34 - Jesus' Power | Education Sunday :Matt 7.24-29 - Build on the Rock | Abortion (Steven Foster) |
| 12th Feb | Matt 12.9-21 - Jesus the Healer | Matt 12.9-21 - Jesus the Healer | Euthanasia |
| | | | Exploring Colossians |
| 19th Feb | Matt 13.1-23 - Jesus the parable teller | Matt 13.1-23 - Jesus the parable teller | Col 1.21-23 - Reconciled in Christ |
| 22nd Feb | Ash Wednesday 10.30am Matt 15.1-20 Jesus' teaching - out of the heart | | 7.45pm Central Meeting for Bible Study Groups |
| 26th Feb | Matt 16.13-27 - Jesus the Christ | Matt 16.13-27 - Jesus the Christ | Col 1.24-29 - The Ministry of Reconciliation |
| 4th Mar | Matt 17.1-13 - Jesus' Glory Revealed (Philip Hacking) | Matt 17.1-13 - Jesus' Glory Revealed (Philip Hacking) | Col 2.1-5 - Riches in Christ (Philip Hacking) |
| | | | What We Believe |
| 11th Mar | Matt 18.15-35 - Jesus and forgiveness | Matt 18.15-35 - Jesus and forgiveness | Article 6 - The Authority of the Bible |
| 18th Mar | Matt 19.16-23 - Jesus and young people | Matt 19.16-23 - Jesus and young people | Article 6 - What is in the Bible and why? |
| 25th Mar | Matt 20.17-28 - Jesus our model | Matt 20.17-28 - Jesus our model | Article 7 - The Old Testament |
| 1st Apr | Matt 21.1-11 - Jesus Enters Jerusalem | Matt 21.1-11 - Jesus Enters Jerusalem | Article 8 - The Three Creeds |
| 5th Apr | Maundy Thursday 7pm Matt 26.57-end - Jesus rejected | | |
| 6th Apr | Good Friday 11am Matt 27 - Jesus Crucified | | |
| 8th Apr | Easter Day - Matt 28.1-15 Jesus is Risen | Matt 28.1-15 Jesus is Risen | <i>no service</i> |