

Small group notes

Bible notes: Jesus: An encounter with a Rich man - Matthew 19:16-30

Welcome – Have you ever had to give up something that was hard or even too difficult? Did you succeed, if so who or what helped you?

Worship – Why not listen to the wonderful hymn I surrender all, and focus on the lyrics.

Perhaps print out the lyrics and consider what you need to surrender to Jesus.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x2lpLSfq8>

Word – Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you as you read Matthew 19:16-30 together.

What was the main thing which struck you from Sunday's service?

What surprises, shocks, bothers or moves you about this passage?

- o Do you sympathise at all with the young rich ruler? Is Jesus asking too much of him?
- o What do you think Jesus means that 'it is easier for camel to go through the eye of the needle than for someone rich to enter the Kingdom of God'? Have a look at verses 23-25 and discuss what this means? If it means giving up things, what things do we need to surrender?

What does this passage say about human nature?

- o Do you find this passage countercultural? i.e. where the rich and wealthy are celebrated and the poor and struggling are forgotten.

What does the passage say about God's nature?

- o What is the Kingdom of God to you? Is it heaven or something more than that? The passage talks about leaving family members (verse 29) for Jesus sake, how do you feel about this? Is Jesus asking too much?

What is God saying to you through the passage?

- o How does this level of sacrifice challenge you?
- o How can this challenge of sacrifice be a good thing?
- o Is there something God is calling you to sacrifice?

Witness - How does this change the way you will live your life this week?

- o How will you sacrifice something for Jesus be demonstrated in your life? Do you have possessions that you no longer need that someone else would benefit from? What about money? How could you bless someone this week or an organisation (a church or Christian Charity) this week that goes beyond your normal giving? Who is God laying on heart to pray for who is struggling to let go of something?

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This Week

16th January

10am Celebration

3pm Holy Communion

Other meetings

Daily Prayer 9.15 Monday-

Saturday)

(on zoom*)

* zoom codes

Meeting ID: 347 999 912

website:

www.stmarkshaydock.org

16th January 2022

23rd January

10am Morning Celebration

30th January

10am Holy Communion

COMPASSION UK SUNDAY

6th February

10am Celebration w/Baptism

3pm Afternoon Service

13th February

10am Holy Communion

20th February

10am Celebration w/Baptism

3pm Holy Communion

27th February

10am Holy Communion

2nd March

7pm Ash Wednesday

welcome

If this is your first time here, we are really excited to welcome you! Here's some information that might be useful. For more information, please speak to a member of the Welcome Team.



TOILETS: including wheelchair-friendly with baby change are in the entrance area to the right as you come out of the body of church.



ACCESSIBILITY: Large print song & communion sheets available at the back of church, hearing loop is available



CHILDREN & YOUTH: Children are welcome here! Little Stars 0-4s, All Stars Reception—Y5, Youth Y6-High School (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Centre



PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH: Please be respectful of our neighbours and do not park on West End Road, Park Street or St Mark's Street, but use the car park behind the centre instead.



FOODBANK DONATIONS PLEASE: Coffee, Tomatoes, Sugar, Milk, Juice, Potatoes, Instant Mash, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Pkt Pasta in Sauce, Rice Pudding, Custard, Snacks, Toiletries, Cereal.



GIVING: If you would like to give to the work of the church, then you can give cash, via contactless payment, via direct debit or through our stewardship scheme. Also don't forget gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

prayer

Please pray for God's healing and recovery for:

Brian Evans, John Carson, Josie Burgess, Brenda Twamley, Sheila Appleton, Janet Barnes, Anne Birkett, Michelle Bond, Lynda Briody, Doreen Bulger, Carol Burrows, Pat Chisnall, Barry Curran, Margaret Davies, Phyl Dixon, Hayden Farrugia, Alvis Frith, Katie Garner, Don Garner, Enid Hill, Margaret James, Libby Kelsey, Michael Kennedy, Chris Lamb, Dorothy Lawton, Eric Littler, Renee Littler, Phyllis Lomax, Jen McMasters, Davy Montieth, Jane Pennington, Nigel Pope, Wilf/Leslie Potter, Joan Scott, Helen Smith, Peter Summers, Margaret Warren, Barbara White, Stan Wilcock, Jude Williams, Caroline Williams, Enid Woolley, Irene Yeates.

Please pray for the bereaved families of:

Edna McClymont & Dorothy Unsworth

Please pray for:

Admin and Office Staff, Treasurer and Vergers

news

PCC DECISION AROUND THE TIME OF THE MORNING SERVICE

In our Church consultation last October, 25 out of the 49 respondents requested that PCC discuss whether to keep the 10am service at 10am or to move it later. After 2 months to think and pray about it and a good discussion on Monday night PCC voted to keep the service at 10am. If you would like to know more details, please chat to Dan Leathers

FOOD PANTRY EVERY THURSDAY 8.50-11AM

Our fantastic new Food Pantry is now open! If you are on the electoral roll of St Mark's, live in or have children who attend a school in Haydock or Blackbrook then you can become a member. There's no membership fee, just £4 every time you shop. If you want to tackle food waste and grab a bargain join Claire and the team on Thursday.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS

Now that the Christmas holidays are over, the Children's and Youth groups in church will be resuming. Our Children's groups are as follows:

Cool Club: For ages 5-10, every other Monday, 3.30 - 5.00pm, starts back 10th January.

Smarties: For babies to pre-schoolers, Wednesday & Friday, 8.45 - 11.15am, starts back 12th January.

Sunday Children's group: For ages 3-10, during Sunday 10am Service, start in church then taken over to the centre.

For any details on any of these groups, please contact Kay White.

At the same time our brilliant new Youth group 'Voyage' is continuing, for Yr 6 children and above, on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 - 8.00pm, and also during the Sunday 10am Service on the 16th & 30th of January and then the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months after. For any more information please contact Josh Thornhill.

CONNECT GROUPS - WE'RE NEARLY THERE

My apologies for not managing to get everything together by the beginning of December. I am approaching potential leaders this week with a view to reaching out to group members shortly. If you have any questions please chat to me or checkout the info on the website. Dan

NEW WINE MERSEYSIDE CELEBRATION 7PM 30TH JANUARY CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHPORT

Join Dan and others as we journey to Southport to encounter Jesus with many others from around Merseyside, with live sung worship and inspirational speaker. If you want a lift, just get in touch with Dan directly or via the church office.

PRAYER LIST

The changes to the prayer list have been delayed by a week, so from Monday 17th of January 2022, if you wish for someone to be on the prayer list, there will be a form both in paper and online to submit, this **MUST** be renewed every 4 weeks for that person to remain on the list. The form will be ready in a couple of weeks, but will not go live until this date, this is just to make sure everyone has plenty of notice of the change. For any more information, please contact the office.

SENDING OFF THE BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

Bishop Paul is retiring in February and if you would like one of the 4 remaining tickets for +Paul's farewell service (12th Feb 3pm) please email info@stmarkshaydock.org or ring the office. It's a first come first served offer