

## Sunday Teaching

**Galatians** - 30th October marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther producing his '95 Theses' which are usually said to have begun the Protestant Reformation. During the first half of term there will be a midweek course watching a film about Luther, looking at some of the issues from the Bible and hearing a bit about the history.

On Sundays, to tie in with this, we will look at the letter of Paul to the Galatians which was one of the parts of Scripture on which Luther lectured in the years before 1517. In the early chapters Paul was concerned to safeguard the gospel message that had been entrusted to him and the other apostles. But the gospel was under attack from those who wanted to insist that the new non-Jewish believers must not simply believe in Christ but also keep the commands of the Old Testament law including such things as circumcision and the food laws. Paul is also concerned to show that the gospel does not mean we can just live how we want and the last two chapters, which we will look at in the second half of term, are about the importance of living Godly lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Luke** - From Christmas to Easter we will be looking at the Gospel of Luke - which will also tie in with worship at St. James school in the first half of the winter/spring term. Therefore in our Christmas services we will look at Luke's account of the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus.

Audio for most sermons is normally 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](http://www.stjameschorley.org)) or contact our Vicar, David Phillips:

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## Sunday and weekday activities

Our **10.30am service** attracts all sorts and sizes and 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 service** 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.

The **6pm service** is also a quieter service but following different formats depending upon the week as shown on the programme.

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.

There is a communion service on the afternoon on the first Wednesday of the month and a Bible study group in church on other Wednesday afternoons during term time.

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 Sunday mornings and on Friday evenings at 8pm.

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

A prayer meeting is held each Thursday morning, 9.30am in Church. The Church will also be open some Thursday mornings for tea, coffee and chat. See publicity for details and dates.

Further details of activities and teaching are published on our website:

[www.stjameschorley.org](http://www.stjameschorley.org)

## Services & teaching programme



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## Autumn & Christmas

# 2017

*"the righteous shall live by faith"*  
(Gal 3.11)

	Sunday 8.45am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
	<b>The Gospel of Christ - Galatians</b>		<b>Songs of Revelation &amp; Numbers</b>
10th Sep	The Gospel of Christ (Gal 1)	The Gospel of Christ (Gal 1)	Prayer Meeting
17th Sep	Apostolic Faith (Gal 2.1-14)	Apostolic Faith (Gal 2.1-14)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th Sep	Justified by Faith (Gal 2.1-14)	Justified by Faith (Gal 2.1-14)	Night Prayer
1st Oct	Celebrating God's Goodness (Ps 24)	<b>Harvest</b> : Celebrating God's Goodness (Ps 24)	Evening Prayer (CW)
8th Oct	The Righteous Shall Live by Faith (Gal 3.1-14)	The Righteous Shall Live by Faith (Gal 3.1-14)	Prayer Meeting
15th Oct	All One in Christ Jesus (Gal 3.15-29)	All One in Christ Jesus (Gal 3.15-29)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
22nd Oct	Sons of God (Gal 4.1-10)	Sons of God (Gal 4.1-10)	Night Prayer
29th Oct	Not Ashamed of the Gospel (Rom 1.16-17)	Not Ashamed of the Gospel (Rom 1.16-17) <b>Motto Text</b>	Holy Communion
5th Nov	Keep Running Well (Gal 5.1-15)	Keep Running Well (Gal 5.1-15)	Evening Prayer (CW)
12th Nov	Enmity and Peace (Gal 5) + <b>Wreath Laying</b>	Enmity and Peace (Gal 5) - <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Prayer Meeting
19th Nov	Immorality and Love (Gal 5)	Immorality and Love (Gal 5)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
26th Nov	Idolatry and Faithfulness (Gal 5)	Idolatry and Faithfulness (Gal 5) - <b>Advent Sunday</b>	Night Prayer
3rd Dec	Drunkenness and Self-control (Gal 5)	Drunkenness and Self-control (Gal 5)	Evening Prayer (CW)
10th Dec	Test Your Work (Gal 6)	Test Your Work (Gal 6)	Prayer Meeting
	<b>Good News of Great Joy - Luke</b>		
17th Dec	Be Prepared (Lk 1.1-15)	<b>Nativity</b> - Be Prepared (Lk 1.1-15)	<b>7pm Carols by Candlelight</b> - Mary's Song (Lk 1.42-56)
24th Dec	<b>10am Morning Carols</b> - The Throne (Lk 1.23-38) - followed by short communion service	<b>4pm Crib Service</b> - The Leaping Baby (Lk 1.39-45)	<b>11pm 'Midnight' Communion</b> - The Manger (Lk 2.1-7)
25th Dec	A Saviour (Lk 2.8-21) - <b>Christmas Day</b>	A Saviour (Lk 2.8-21) - <b>Christmas Day</b>	
31st Dec	My eyes have seen your salvation (Lk 2.22-38)	My eyes have seen your salvation (Lk 2.22-38)	