

Sunday Teaching

“I Believe” - Most of the Sunday sermons this term will be under the general heading “I believe”. We will begin looking at what faith is and how people come to believe. We will then think about how we can know about God and therefore what we should believe. Finally we will begin an ongoing series on the Apostles’ Creed initially looking at just the first sentence. The aim of the series is not just to inform us or help us think about what we believe but also to be able to explain our faith to others and answer some of the common questions people ask or objections they raise. It is prompted in part by the Festival of Hope mission in Blackpool in September and our own mission with other local churches in March 2019.

The **Christmas** (and Easter 2019) services this academic year will be on some of the amazing statements about Jesus in the Letter to the Hebrews. Chapters 1 and 2 are particularly pertinent as we remember at Christmas that in these last days the Son of God, the radiance of God’s glory, came among us being made a little lower than the angels.

Teaching at the evening services is not planned too far in advance but we will continue our two ongoing series on the Book of **Numbers** and the letter to the **Philippians**. Our midweek **Bible studies** will also be on Philippians which the Apostle Paul wrote in prison whilst facing possible execution. He shows how the core truths of our faith should lead us to confidence in the promises and purposes of God.

Audio for most morning 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) 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 each month and a Bible study group in church on other Wednesday afternoons during term time. Both begin at 1.45pm and are usually followed by refreshments.

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.

There is a weekly prayer meeting on Thursday mornings, 10am at 12 Canterbury Street. We also have a monthly prayer meeting as part of the cycle of Sunday evening services and a quarterly Central Prayer Meeting at the start of each half-term on a Tuesday evening at 6.45pm.

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

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Services & teaching programme



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Autumn 2018

"In the beginning God..." (Gen 1.1)

	Sunday 8.45am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
	“I Believe”	“I Believe”	Philippians & Numbers
9th Sep	What is faith?	What is faith?	Prayer Meeting
16th Sep	Coming to believe - drawn by God	Coming to believe - drawn by God	Evening Prayer (BCP)
23rd Sep	Coming to believe - commands and invitations	Coming to believe - commands and invitations	Night Prayer
30th Sep	Coming to believe - lives that shine	Coming to believe - lives that shine	Holy Communion
7th Oct	Bishop Julian Henderson	Harvest : Bishop Julian Henderson	Evening Prayer (CW)
14th Oct	Knowing about God - the heavens declare	Knowing about God - the heavens declare	Prayer Meeting
21st Oct	Knowing about God - Jesus has made Him known	Knowing about God - Jesus has made Him known	Evening Prayer (BCP)
28th Oct	Knowing about God - God has spoken	Knowing about God - God has spoken	Night Prayer
4th Nov	Knowing about God - can we trust the Bible?	Knowing about God - can we trust the Bible?	Evening Prayer (CW)
11th Nov	I believe in God	Remembrance Sunday : I believe in God	Prayer Meeting
18th Nov	I believe in God the Father	I believe in God the Father	Evening Prayer (BCP)
25th Nov	I believe in Father, Son and Holy Spirit	I believe in Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Night Prayer
2nd Dec	I believe in God ... Almighty	I believe in God ... Almighty	Evening Prayer (CW)
9th Dec	I believe in God ... maker of heaven and earth	I believe in God ... maker of heaven and earth	Prayer Meeting
Christmas Services : Hebrews			
16th Dec	God's Son (Heb 1.2)	God's Son (Heb 1.2)	Carol Service : The Radiance of God's glory (Heb 1.3)
23rd Dec	Worshipped by angels (Heb 1.6)	Nativity Service : Worshipped by angels (Heb 1.6)	<i>no service</i>
24th Dec	—	4pm Crib Service : Made a little lower (Heb 2.9)	11pm Communion : Made a little lower (Heb 2.9)
25th Dec	The word of His power (Heb 1.3)	The word of His power (Heb 1.3)	—
30th Dec	A Great Salvation (Heb 2.3)	A Great Salvation (Heb 2.3)	<i>no service</i>