

## Sunday Teaching

**Back to Basics** - We will be picking up an occasional series begun in 2016 looking at the basics of Christian faith (or elementary doctrine) as listed in Hebrews 6.1. Having previously had series on repentance, faith, baptisms and the laying on of hands the final two items are “the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment”. Tied in to this the early Bible studies during the term will be on I Corinthians 15.

**The Psalms** have always been a key part of Christian worship and devotion. They are important for all same reasons as the other Old Testament scriptures including leading us to Christ, but perhaps particularly because they deal with such a wide variety of situations and emotions, some of which we might be afraid to admit to having. What is more, when we sing or say the Psalms together we are doing what Jesus would have done week by week in synagogues as a child and adult. On top of this we have the specific command to “sing psalms, hymns, songs” (Col 3.16) all three of these words being found regularly in the titles of Psalms. The Bible studies in the second half of the term will look at some of the same Psalms.

Teaching at the **evening services** is not planned too far in advance partly to allow the preacher freedom in preparation to pursue particular themes. However, during part of the term we will begin looking at the wonderful letter of Paul to the **Philippians**, a church which greatly encouraged the Apostle and is a great example to us. We will also return to the book of **Numbers** and before long to the intriguing account of Balaam and his ass.

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.

**Prayer** meetings are held most Thursday mornings at 10am at 12 Canterbury Street, once a month on a Sunday evening and each half-term on a Tuesday evening as the central meeting instead of study groups.

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 of the first Wednesday of the month and a Bible study group in church on other Wednesday afternoons during term time. Until further notice the services and groups begin at 1.45pm.

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

Elevation, for ages 11-16, meets on Sunday mornings and Rooted for the same age on Friday evenings at 8pm.

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

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

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## Services & teaching programme



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## Summer 2018

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."  
(Col 3.16)*

	Sunday 8.45am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
	<b>Back to Basics</b>	<b>Back to Basics</b>	<b>Philippians &amp; Numbers</b>
29th Apr	The Resurrection of the Dead (part 1)	The Resurrection of the Dead (part 1)	Holy Communion
6th May	The Resurrection of the Dead (part 2)	The Resurrection of the Dead (part 2)	Evening Prayer (CW)
10th May	<b>Thursday : Ascension Day 7.30pm</b> : Luke 24.50-53		
13th May	Eternal Judgment - the Judge and the judged	Eternal Judgment - the Judge and the judged	Prayer Meeting
20th May	Eternal Judgment - judgment and eternity	Eternal Judgment - judgment and eternity	Evening Prayer (BCP)
27th May	The Trinity	The Trinity	<i>no service</i>
	<b>The Psalms</b>	<b>The Psalms</b>	
3rd Jun	The sweet Psalmist of Israel (part 1)	The sweet Psalmist of Israel	Evening Prayer (CW)
10th Jun	A Fruitful Life (Psalm 1)	A Fruitful Life (Psalm 1)	Prayer Meeting
17th Jun	The Lord and His Anointed (Psalm 2)	The Lord and His Anointed (Psalm 2)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th Jun	The sweet Psalmist of Israel (part 2)	<b>Service at School</b> , followed by lunch and games	Night Prayer
1st Jul	The Dark Hour (Psalm 3)	The Dark Hour (Psalm 3)	Evening Prayer (CW)
8th Jul	Peace Be Still (Psalm 4)	Peace Be Still (Psalm 4)	Prayer Meeting
15th Jul	Christian Meditation	Christian Meditation	Evening Prayer (BCP)
22nd Jul	Clouded Dawn (Psalm 5)	Clouded Dawn (Psalm 5)	<i>no service</i>
29th Jul	Prayers and Tears (Psalm 6)	Prayers and Tears (Psalm 6)	<i>no service</i>
5th Aug	A Cry for Justice (Psalm 7)	A Cry for Justice (Psalm 7)	<i>no service</i>
12th Aug	'Oh God our Help' (Psalm 90)	'Oh God our Help' (Psalm 90)	<i>no service</i>
19th Aug	Under His Wings (Psalm 91)	Under His Wings (Psalm 91)	<i>no service</i>
26th Aug	They that wait on the Lord... (Psalm 92)	They that wait on the Lord... (Psalm 92)	<i>no service</i>
2nd Sep	The Throne above the Tumult (Psalm 93)	The Throne above the Tumult (Psalm 93)	