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Regular at St Joe's:

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus. (On October 30th - special for Half-term: a Light Party.

Joe's Cafe: every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - and meet friends. *Volunteers are needed to help with catering. Please speak to Jo Strange if you can offer to be on the rota.*

Meet and Greet: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a cup of tea and cake, and a chance to chat with friends.

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning, from 9.30am. A special morning for parents and 'tinies'. Just turn up.

Wednesday Circle: twice a month at 2.00pm. Meets on October 2nd and October 16th.

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly lunch club, Wednesday 9th October 12.30pm. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoon at 12.45pm.



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News from St Joseph's Church

October 2019

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sin and believe this good news!" (Mark 1:15)

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ....

A Warm Welcome to St Joseph's Church!



Gospel means "Good News".

Good News is the good news of God, breaking in to world history. In Jesus Christ, God has come into the world, bringing a message of hope, love, new beginnings, and restoration.

Over the next few months, we will be considering the good news as shared us by Mark in his Gospel. Mark writes with great excitement. He has a story to tell, and wastes no time in getting his message across. He wants us to meet with Jesus and to discover that through faith in him, we can receive the gift of eternal life.

If we turn from our sin, literally to repent, it means turning our lives around, doing an about-turn, and following after Jesus. In Mark's Gospel, we will meet many people whose lives were totally transformed through their encounter with Jesus.

Take Levi - in chapter 2, Levi is a tax collector, working for the occupying Roman authorities, and making a very good living from exploiting his own countrymen. When he responds to Jesus' call, he

leaves his old way of life behind and becomes a devoted follower of Jesus.

That is the call that Jesus makes to each one of us - to believe the Good News, to welcome the Good News into our lives, and to become people of Good News - disciples of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ.

Share the journey - make the Gospel of Mark your set text for the next six months.

Every Blessing,

Tim

You are welcome to join our regular, weekly worship in church:

Sunday: every Sunday at 9.00am and 10.30am. Our 9.00am service is taken from the Common Worship Prayer Book, with hymns. Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Our 10.30am service is less structured, and family orientated, with worship group and children's activities. Communion is on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Every Wednesday at 11.30am: we have a short service of Holy Communion.

Prayer ministry is always available after the 10.30am service. If you would like to ask for prayer for any reason, please go to the front of the church, and someone will be pleased to pray with you.

Wednesday at 7am: Morning Prayers at St Joseph's. Come and join.

More: More of Jesus - More of our commitment to follow Jesus. This monthly service for our whole parish, begins at 6.30pm, and will be held on October 20th, at St Philip's.

Focus Groups meet regularly at St Joseph's for discussion, prayer and friendship. If you would like to join a group, speak to Tim or to Mal Harris. We will be pleased to help you.



Harvest Weekend: 28th - 29th September

Come and give thanks to God, and share in our Harvest Celebrations over the weekend 28/29th September. Saturday's Community Day will be supporting McMillan Cancer Support.

Harvest donations at our Sunday services will be given to The Well and Jericho House.



Alpha Course - it's not too late to join!

Would you like to learn more about the Christian Faith? The Alpha Course – 10 sessions – is specifically intended to help you to know more about Christianity and all that it can mean for you. The next course begins on Thursday 26th September at St Philip's. You are encouraged to invite a friend, and

attend the course with them. Please ask for more information.

New Wine Ministry Weekend: October 12/13th.

Our parish will be welcoming Richard Moy. On Saturday, 12th October, 9.30 - 12.30, he will be speaking on 'Refreshing Healing Ministry' at St Philip's. On Saturday evening at 6.30pm, he will be speaking at a New Wine Regional Celebration, at St Joseph's. Richard will also be with us at St Joseph's to speak on Sunday morning.

To be a Pilgrim.... ever thought about a Pilgrimage?

A visit to the Holy Land is a spiritual high point for many Christians. In November 2020, a group from St Joe's will be making the pilgrimage. We will have a local guide but will also have our own readings and reflections at the Biblical sites. The cost (all inclusive) will be £1465. If you are interested, speak to Tim.

Community Youth Forum: come and be a part of making a difference for young people and help to reduce anti-social behaviour in our area. An opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. Keynote speaker: Eleanor Smith MP. At St Joseph's Friday October 25th, 10am-12noon.

Quote for the Month:



A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps. (Saint Augustine)