



St John's Park Church Family: Followers of Jesus who Love and Learn from God, so we can..... Empower and Support each other, so we can Serve and Reach out to the community and beyond, so we can.....

Sunday 19 September 2021

Services This Sunday and next, 19th and 26th September, we will have just a 10.45am service in church. The PCC is to meet again to review our services going forwards.

Litter Picking and Questionnaire We are litter picking again on Monday. Meet at church at 5.30pm for one hour to litter pick and to pray for the people we meet. If we have sufficient numbers, we will also visit homes to carry out a survey. This is an exciting initiative. Basic training will be provided. Do come and join us.

Messy Church There won't be a Messy Church this month, but we are planning one for Sunday 31 October

Harvest and Climate Change Service on Sunday 3 October at 10.45am This is when we plan to hold a special service devoted to these important matters. Do come, and please could you bring non-perishable food, in date, which we will give away to local people in need.

An Evening of Worship on Saturday 9 October at 7.00pm A worship band from St Helens is coming to lead this evening of worship in church (1.5hr with refreshments). This will be a great occasion. Why not invite some friends?

Baptisms on Sunday 10 October at 10.45am We will be holding some baptisms at our morning service in church. If you have not been baptized and are interested, or simply want to know more, please speak to David.

Giving If you would like to support the work of St John's Park Church financially, or review your giving, please contact Colin, our Treasurer, at StJohnsPark@outlook.com. The Church bank details are: ST JOHNS PARK P C C Sort Code: 20-76-89 Acct: 60362786. Thank you.

David and Margie Please continue to pray for them as they serve in Chad – for good and safe travel, for their team, and that they will a good support to the leaders.



Online Prayers These continue each morning from Monday to Friday at 8.00am for 30 minutes. All are welcome. Zoom Meeting Number 323 564 9987, Passcode 483559.

Connect Groups Our small groups have begun again in September. If you are interested in joining one, do speak to David, or Bess and Faustina (our Church Wardens) for more details.

Today's Bible Reading Mark 7:24-37

Jesus honours a Syro-Phoenician woman's faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, '*Ephphatha!*' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

What is God saying to you through this passage?

What will you do about it?