

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear Friends,

Please invite your friends to church for our annual outdoor service. It is an even more special occasion than normal, because we are beginning a 7 week series called Christianity Explored. This is based on the course we have run for many years at St John's which we would like everyone to have the opportunity to experience. It is a great chance to encourage someone to engage with three things:

1. Who Jesus is
2. What he came to do
3. His call on our lives

So don't miss the chance to invite your friends! If you or another can't come to church and you would still like to follow the content, you can watch the official videos here on Clayton TV <https://www.clayton.tv/find/explore/214-125/0i0/1050/>. There won't be a recording of the sermon during the Christianity Explored series, so we recommend you plan to watch this if you can't get to church.

We will be giving out free copies of Mark's Gospel to anyone who doesn't have one after the service. There will also be some follow up material that consists of about 30 minutes each week to explore Mark's Gospel personally.. You won't be tested at the door as to whether you have done this! It is worth saying that it adds a lot of value for someone exploring the claims of Jesus to have this time of reflection.

Finally please pray for the next seven weeks that we would see people won over by Jesus Christ.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Mark 1:1-11 Good News and Psalm 5:12-13 (from daily Psalms)

The Collect:

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

What's On This Week:

Sunday 1st 11am: Open Air Service and the start of Christianity Explored - Please note that there is no 9am service and there are no children's groups.

Sunday 1st 7.30pm Prayer Meeting at St John's.

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details
Monday 2nd June 6.30pm: CYFA

Tuesday 3rd June 6.15pm: Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Wednesday 4th June 10.30 am: Mums bible study

Wednesday 4th June 7.30pm: NISCU celebration event

Catch Up:

There will be no recording of this weeks sermon.

Dates for your Diary:

22nd June: Bring and share lunch after the service.

News:

The NISCU celebration event, at Moresby Church Hall on 4th June, is an opportunity to meet the team, see the puppets and hear about the work that is being done in schools.

Thank you to all those helping set up for the outdoor service (weather permitting).

Please pray for:

- Our new Christianity Explored Series starting this Sunday - that God will bring many new people to hear His word.
- Sam Ford-Powell, Mike Greenwood, Phil Holland, Mary Shaw, Joyce Hower, Emily Lane, and Joe Moore.
- Joyce Keenan and family
- Stphen Mullen's Mum – that she would have ease from pain and the right care package established before she is discharged from hospital.
- Irene Wilson and her family, following the death of her son Stephen.
- The Albanian Evangelical Mission
- Everyone affected by the incident at the Liverpool parade this week

Praise God for:

- The four families who are scheduled to attend baptism preparation sessions over the next few weeks. Praise God for these growing families and for Glynn and the team of baptism befrienders who will help the families prepare for this important step.

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