

## Sermon Series - Autumn 2009 St Mark's

### **MORNING SERIES.**

This autumn things are somewhat fragmented due to different events taking place within each month. This October we are going with a request from Saltney Council to hold a civic service. We see this as an opportunity to embrace our community and engage with those who serve it. It will be a great opportunity again to welcome visitors and hopefully to extend the warmth of Christian fellowship.

So there will only be three topics on the theme for the year, one in each month, and they will be looking at three parables on the nature of servanthood from Jesus Himself. As I said at the beginning of the year, in a world that constantly preaches, 'look after number one first'; the true follower of Jesus needs to have a servant heart, which then opens the door to endless possibilities for God to do things through them.

The Lighthouse will be following the Church of England lectionary as they have nearly all their services free of other things

### **Mornings**

6th Parables "Use it or Lose it!" Matthew 25: 14-30

13th Parables "Watchful Servants" Luke 12: 35-40

20th Baptism Service The Relevance of Christian Faith TBA

27th 'Back to Church' Sunday Luke 15: 11-24\*

### **October**

4th Harvest "Make Life Flow" John 4: 7-15

11th Parables "Saying or Doing?" Matthew 21: 28-32

18th Civic Sunday "If anyone wants to be great.....?" Mark 10: 41-45

25th Baptism Service The Relevance of Christian Faith TBA

### **November**

1st Parables "Hear it and Do it!" Matthew 7: 24-29

8th Remembrance Sunday Micah 4: 1-5\*

15th Parables "Children of The World?" Luke 16:1-13

22nd Baptism Service The Relevance of Christian Faith TBA

29th Advent Sunday Matthew 24: 36-44\*

## **EVENING SERIES.**

Peter's letters were written somewhere around AD64 /68 and were therefore written during a time of persecution. The Emperor of the time hated the Jews and included Christians in that. In just a few years the Roman army would destroy Jerusalem and make captives of the population. The issue then for the church leaders at this time was how to encourage believers to persevere and endure. Both letters are aimed at preparing Christians for tough times. But, tough as things were, these letters are full of hope and practical advice on how to go on with Christ and not give up. They tell us how to balance holy living with correct doctrine, to nurture spiritual growth and work within the secular society they found themselves in. These themes are very much still relevant today and provide us with a compass for our own faith journey that will inevitably include some tough times. If you don't attend the evening normally why not come along and study these letters with us?

### **Evenings**

#### **September**

6th Peter's Letters (1) – "Strangers in the World" 1 Peter 1:1-12

13th Peter's Letters (2) – "Called to be Different" 1 Peter 1: 13-25

20th Peter's Letters (3) – "Do I Want to Grow Up?" 1 Peter 2: 1-12

27th Peter's Letters (4) – "In His Steps" 1 Peter 2:13-3:7

#### **October**

4th Peter's Letters (5) – "Bad Things Can happen to Good People" 1 Peter 3: 8-22

11th No Service – Parish Weekend -

18th Peter's Letters (6) – "Christians at Risk" 1 Peter 4: 1-19

25th Annual Bereavement Service Isaiah 61: 1-3

#### **November**

1st Peter's Letters (7) – "TLC for Trying Times" 1 Peter 5: 1-14

8th @The Throne – Chester Churches Worshipping Together -

15th Peter's Letters (8) – "The Long Way Home" 2 Peter 1:1-11

22nd Peter's Letters (9) – "If I Should Die" 2 Peter 1:12-21

29th Advent Sunday 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11\*

## **Sermon Series - Autumn 2009 Saltney Lighthouse Community Church**

### **September**

6th "Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute" Mark 7: 31-37

13th "Peter's Confession" Mark 8: 27-38

20th "Who is the Greatest?" Mark 9: 33-37

27th "Overcoming Temptation" Mark 9: 38-50

### **October**

4th Harvest "Make Life Flow" John 4: 7-15

11th "The Perils of Riches & The Rewards of Sacrifice" Mark 10: 17-31

18th Join with St Marks -

25th "Blindness and Sight" Mark 10: 46-52

### **November**

1st All Saints Day John 11: 32-44

8th Remembrance Sunday Micah 4: 1-5\*

15th "Troubles and Persecutions" Mark 13: 1-8

22nd "Christ the King" John 18: 33-37

29th Advent Sunday 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11