



Prestbury Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine that people may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5v16)

27th January 2020

Value: Gentleness

People Jesus met- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Dear Parents

The theme for this term is People Jesus met. We will looking at a range of people, some he comforted, some He challenged –for most it was a case of both. What is clear is that no one left an encounter with Jesus without it having an impact.

This week we look at Jesus’ ‘meeting’ with the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Of course in a real sense it was not a meeting as Jesus told the story as part of the Sermon on the Mount, but it was part of Jesus’ observation. The story highlights the difference between those who believe that they can be good enough for God and those who realise that no one is good enough and we need God’s help.

The Pharisee relied on his religious acts to make him better than the Tax collector, but he lacked the one essential quality of humility and the tax collector lacked in religious behaviour but displayed humility before God.

It is one of the trickiest areas of Christianity, as there is still a thought that only ‘good’ people go to church. The Bible is clear that we cannot meet God’s approval by being good enough, Romans 3 v23 says, ‘All people have sinned and are not good enough for God’s glory.’ With reality TV shows we are encouraged to judge ourselves against others –as the Pharisee did- and to find false comfort in this. We are instead to remember we come before an awesome, Holy God. The good news is in the next verse of that passage in Romans, Romans 3v24, and ‘People are made right with God by His grace which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ.’

Being good doesn’t make us good/right with God, but in humbly receiving God’s grace and forgiveness through Jesus we should do good and live to please God. So the church should be full of sinners, who realise the wrong they have done, but also know the amazing power of God’s forgiveness and want to praise Him and live for Him. This can only happen when we meet Jesus. Have you met Him yet?

As well as our physical heart, it is also good to focus on our spiritual hearts and to open them up to God and know His amazing love, forgiveness and the incredible hope that comes from this.

Open afternoon

This **Friday 7th February from 1.30pm** onwards. Parents may take their children home once they have looked at the books, please ensure that you sign your child out with their teacher.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **27th January 2020**

Monday 27th January	Mrs Bartley’s Class Swimming – Return to school at 3.30pm
Tuesday 28 th January	
Wednesday 29 th January	Community worship
Thursday 30 th January	
Friday 31 st January	Y5 Class (Mrs Bartley’s) assembly –all very welcome. PGT UKS2

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **3rd February 2020**

Monday 3 rd February	Mrs Bartley's Class Swimming – Return to school at 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th February	
Wednesday 5 th February	Community worship
Thursday 6 th February	PTA Film night
Friday 7 th February	Y2 Class (Mrs Hague's) assembly –all very welcome. Open afternoon

David J Capener

Headteacher

PTA NEWS

We are delighted to finally report that (after lots of counting and sorting) your support and contributions helped to raise a staggering £13,000 in the term from September 2019 to December 2019.

We are over the moon with this achievement and we want to thank you again for your help. All of the money raised goes directly to the school and, so far, the money raised has bought new bark for the infants' outdoor area, along with Christmas crackers and books for pupils throughout the school. Further use of the funds is under discussion by Mr Capener and the School Governors, and we will update you when we have more news. However, in the meantime, the PTA continue to contribute £40 per class per term for incidentals (£1320 per year).

And finally, don't forget that we will be holding our first film night of the year on Thursday 6th Feb from 3.00pm - 5.15pm. The ticket price of £6 each includes a screening of "Spies in Disguise" (which is currently showing in cinemas) along with sandwiches, snacks and refreshments.

We will update you next week when we'll be on the drive selling tickets and, of course, if any of you lovely people are free to help in anyway on the day, it would be fantastic as always.

Enjoy the rest of the week from all the PTA team - Alex, Caroline, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky, Sarah, Wendy x