



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)

2nd November 2020

Value: Fruit - Joy

Mark: Gospel – Chapter 8: Who do you say I am?

Dear Parents,

I hope that despite the restrictions you managed to have a good break at the half-term and get some fresh air. Due to the limits, including family limits (one child had to isolate due to a child in their year group testing positive), I managed to find time to get lost in a good book, which was a real treat. We now have the lead up to Christmas, which is usually such a joyful time to be in a primary school, and I hope it will prove to be so again this year.

The theme for our Worship this term is the Gospel of Mark, with the aim that as a school community we read the whole of the gospel this term. I would like to encourage all of our families to read the gospel at home –why not join us in reading one chapter each week.

This week we focus on chapter 8 and it is one of the pivotal chapters in the gospel. In chapter 8 Jesus asks his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ They answer, ‘Some say John the Baptists; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ Jesus then makes it personal, ‘But, what about **you**? Who do **you** say I am?’ We face many questions at different point in our lives, some are trivial and some are important, in terms of eternity there isn’t a more important question that the one Jesus asks: Who do **you** say **I** am? Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ.’ Peter knew Jesus was the promised saviour, the messiah, but we know his faith journey was not a straightforward one, but it is one of faith in Jesus.

I would have many answers to the question, but ultimately Jesus is my saviour, Lord and King. He is, at it says in Mark 1verse1, Good News. It is because Jesus is my saviour that I know that my sins are forgiven (nothing at all to do with me, it is all down to God’s grace and love), God is with me every day and in every situation, and I know a place is prepared for me in Heaven....it is why, as a Christian, I am never without hope, because of Jesus.

In worship we will think about different (famous) people, do we recognise them and their role. As America prepares for an election this week, many will ask, ‘Who will be the president?’ and it is an important question, but compared to the question Jesus asked, it does not have the same personal impact or eternal impact.

We will also think about the question Jesus posed about himself and the different answers people may give and why Peter’s answer was so important.

Covid -19 –lockdown.

In the light of the lockdown announced by the Prime Minister on Saturday, we will continue to review all that takes at school. Our priority is of course the safety and wellbeing of children and staff – and to do all that we can to keep the school open for all children. In the light of this, aside from school staff, the only adults allowed in school will be where it is essential that they need to be in school i.e. contractors to complete urgent work, and this will only be via prior agreement.

We do hope that as a school we will be able to provide real moments of joy and light in the lead up to Christmas (even if they have to be via zoom!). Thank you once again for your ongoing understanding and support.

New School Business Manager (SBM)

Welcome to Sarah Pittham, who today joins Jo Brace and Kate Maurice (admin assistants), to lead the office team, as the SBM.

Parking

A reminder - please be considerate of our neighbours when parking and, as much as possible, please do use the various car parks within the locality. Thank you.

Ways to let our light shine, but carrying out good deeds:

Poppy stones

One of our Y1 children would like to create 100 Poppy stones for the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal. She enjoys creating things and it would be a nice idea to paint some rocks with poppies on them, whilst raising a few pennies for the Poppy Appeal.

St Peters have kindly agreed that families can line up the painted rocks on the main path to the Church on the right hand side (looking in from the Lynch gate) before Remembrance Sunday. The aim is to create 100 poppy rocks and raise £100! They now need some other children to join in to help create the rocks. Beverly has asked if anyone would like to take some pictures of the children laying the rocks down, St Peter's would like to see them too.

There is a link to the just giving page below and also a leaflet attached with this newsletter.

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-williams182>

Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child boxes were handed out before half term. If you visit the site <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk> you will find more information about the boxes. Your gifts in a shoe box can change a child's life. For some of the world's most disadvantaged children, your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received. The leaflets are given out early so that boxes can be obtained and many of our children enjoy making up the boxes during half term and thinking about what to put inside them. This year, due to the current circumstances, we are asking if parents could kindly drop the shoeboxes at The Butley Ash as this is a designated collection point during the week commencing **Monday 9th November**. We will deliver any received at school.

The Core support

The Core is based at the Church of the Resurrection on the Upton Priory and is providing a Pantry to help those in need.

They get food supplies from fair share and local providers, but they are in need of any toiletries, women's toiletries in particular. If you are able to support and donate any toiletries, please would you leave them in the box marked 'The Core' just outside the front door of school and they will be collected each week. If you would like more information about The Core, there is a link to The Pantry website below:

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/coreuptonpriory/>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 2nd November 2020

Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens.
Tuesday 3 rd November	
Wednesday 4 th November	
Thursday 5 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 6 th November	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 9th November 2020

Monday 9 th November	
Tuesday 10 th November	
Wednesday 11 th November	
Thursday 12 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 13 th November	Y3/4 (Mrs Croghan’s class) assembly via zoom

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello – ‘welcome back’ to school! We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break!

We are really happy to announce we raised **£255.37** for the Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale on Friday 23rd Oct. Thank you to those that purchased from the PTA and we hope you enjoyed them!

We brought over 700 doughnuts which included pre-ordered doughnuts and extras for those that had not pre-ordered. Towards the end of the sale we had to prioritise the sale to those that had pre-ordered and we are sorry to anybody that were not able to buy the amount they wanted. It is really tricky to estimate how many items to buy in order we avoid surplus.

We would like to thank you all for your support. This money will be going towards the KS1 Library Fund.

Gazebo – you may have seen that the PTA gazebo has blown over in the wind and unfortunately is now broken. If anybody has a spare gazebo that they are able to donate to the PTA we would be extremely grateful which means we can still have our fund raising events under cover!

Thank you for reading. We hope you all have a great week.

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah x