

KINGDOM QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 13

Sunday 18th Oct at 11am

 St Peter's

Welcome – John Lenton

Far and near hear the call,
Worship Him, Lord of all;
Families of nations come,
Celebrate what God has done.

Deep and wide is the love
Heaven sent from above;
God's own Son for sinners died,
Rose again, He is alive.

*Say it loud, say it strong,
Tell the world what God has done;
Say it loud, praise His name,
Let the earth rejoice
For the Lord reigns.*

At His name let praise begin,
Oceans roar, nature sing.
For He comes to judge the earth
In righteousness and in His truth.
Say it loud, say it strong,...

Jesus is King, let all the earth be glad.
He sits enthroned, He is exalted on high.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory. He is
surrounded with glory.

Jesus is King, let all the earth rejoice.
He moves in power, He reigns in majesty.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory. He is
surrounded with glory.

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As we draw near, we see His glory shine.
We see the pain,
yet we see triumph in His eyes.
Behold your God; behold your God!
We are surrounded with glory. We are
surrounded with glory.

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Church Family News

Reading: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 p979

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" ²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" ²⁹ "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed

out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Your word, O Lord, is my delight,
it plants me like a tree
that's rooted by the streams of life:
so, Lord, set your word in me.

Your word, O Lord, it lights my way,
and by this light I see.
It guides me in every step I take:
so Lord, set your word in me.

*Speak, O Lord,
speak, O Lord,
we are ready to receive.
Speak, O Lord,
through your mighty word,
O set your word in me.*

Your word, O Lord, renews my mind,
with truth that sets me free,
and in this truth I am sanctified:
so Lord, set your word in me.
Speak, O Lord,...

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Children leave for Grace Gang

Talk: Philip Sudell
Kingdom Questions
2. Are you puzzled?

11-18s leave for their discussion

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ
O sing hallelujah...

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore
O sing hallelujah...

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Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Day of judgment, day of wonders!
Hear the awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!

Jesus calls: the dead awaken,
Rise from earth and sea;
All the pow'rs of nature shaken
by his look, prepares to flee:

*When all earth and heaven melt away,
Gracious Saviour, own me in that Day!*

Every knee shall bow before Him,
Every heart exposed;
All the stains of our rebellion
Clear before His judgement throne.
When all earth and heaven melt away,...

Under earth and heaven's blackened sky,
Gracious Saviour, You were lifted high,
Bearing all the curse that my sin deserved
As You bled upon that tree:
God the judge hangs cursed for me.

Rise now, sinner: come to Jesus
Pardoning grace to know.
Meet Him now as gracious Saviour,
Not just then as Judge alone.
When all earth and heaven melt away,...

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Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after
the service over coffee/tea
through in the hall



The week ahead

Sun 18 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 19 th		
Tues 20 th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 21 st		
Thurs 22 nd	10–11.30am 12 noon 12–3pm 4pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club Midweek groups meet
Fri 23 rd		
Sat 24 th		
Sun 25 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

Looking ahead...

Autumn dates – more details to follow

Sat 31st Oct – Children's LIGHT STOP

Sat 14th Nov – Women's Brunch

Sat 21st Nov – Fair and Fun Day

Midweek Groups



We are asking everyone, whether already in a midweek group, or yet to join one, to reflect and think through their commitment to a group for growth in spiritual maturity so that we can work out how best to serve people in groups this autumn – Please speak to Philip for more details.

Sermon Series for October & November

Running through the Sundays in October and November we will be looking at parables from Matthew 13 that will answer a series of “*Kingdom Questions*”



Light Stop – Sat 31st October

Could you come and be part of the team to run this great event to connect with local families? – Come and speak to Jess!



Fair and Fun Day

Sat 21st Nov

Put the date in your diary – sign up to serve at the event.

Please also pray ...

Tim Vickers of Graduate Impact is supported by St Peter's as one of its six ministry and mission partners. Please find their letter with specific prayer point requests on the blue table.