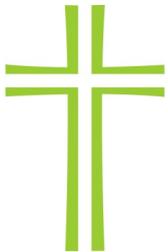
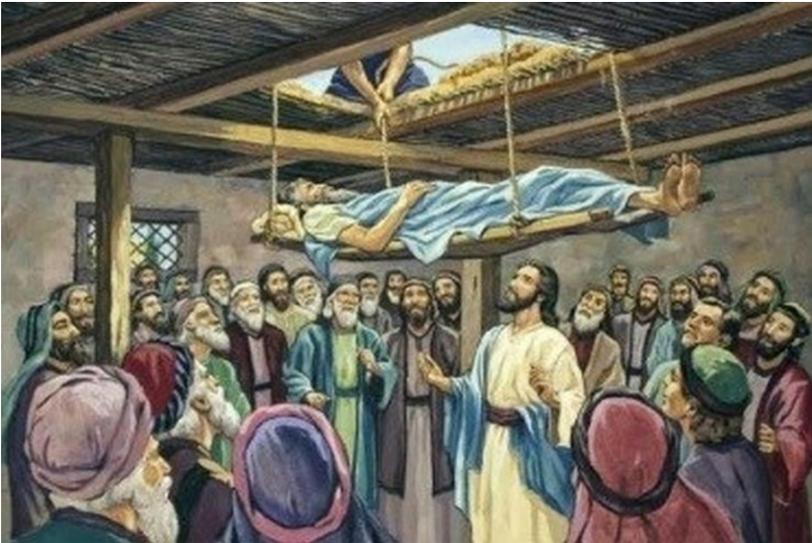


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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Homes Jesus Visited

The Crowded House



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*St Matthew's Harwell*

*and*

*All Saints' Chilton*

## Welcome and Notices

We continue our theme of dropping in on some of the homes that Jesus visited and the people he met in them. As we have said, each person and each home gives us insight into a greater story.

We will also resume our thoughts about the effect Jesus has on peoples lives and how God invites us to recognise the story of his love and power in our own lives too.

## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, help us to 'see' the beauty of your love in the lives of others and in ourselves. As we meet today to sing, to pray, and to be together and as we remember the stories of long ago, help us to notice the reality of your wonderful love. Help us today to be good friends to others as we read in your word today.

Amen

## Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

## Prayers:

### All

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
We confess that we have sinned  
In thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
Forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are,  
And direct what we shall be;  
That we may do justly,  
Love mercy, and walk humbly with you our  
God. Amen

## Bible Reading: Luke 5. 17-26



## Conversation with Jan

## Hymn

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ,  
his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"  
Let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
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Let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.  
Give thanks.



**Bible Reading: Psalm 98. 1-6**

**Talk by Pam**

**Reverse Collection**

## Closing Prayers

Gracious God, we thank you for the powerful impact that our faith can have on others. Please guide our conversations and our actions. Give us your strength to inspire our friends and neighbours and help us keep our hearts open to you.

Lord in your mercy: [Hear our prayer](#)

Lord, we thank you for the friends that brought the paralysed man to you; we thank you for their creativity. They did not ask for anything in return. As we face our daily struggles, help us to remember that you are bigger than our problems and that you will help us overcome them

Lord in your mercy: [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray also for all those in our villages and beyond who are sick. We thank you for modern medicine, hospitals and care. May we see the needs of others, love, and serve one another and have the strength to inspire them. We pray for healing through your love.

Lord in your mercy: [Hear our prayer](#)

Lord we pray for your presence in our homes and thank you that you are always with us and care for us. We ask that our homes will be places of rest and peace because of you. Lord, we ask for your blessing on everyone who walks through our doors. Make our homes an example of your truth and your love.

Lord in your mercy: [Hear our prayer](#)

We thank you for those we have loved,  
who now are with you in your eternal  
home. Help us to take into our hearts and  
rejoice in the wonderful promise that in  
your Father's house there are many rooms.  
There is a new home that awaits us where  
pain, illness and grief are no more.  
Lord in your mercy: [Hear our prayer](#)

### **We say together The Lord's Prayer ,**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory for ever and ever, **Amen**

### **Hymn**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing**  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

### **The Blessing**

Go home from this place with life renewed  
and the hope of all good things,  
The blessing of God Almighty,  
the love of the Father, the tenderness of  
the Son, and the presence of the Spirit,  
Bring peace to you this day and always.  
**Amen**



### **Please stay for Tea and Cake and of course, a Chat!**

Our next Generation Gold services  
will be held on:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**at 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

at Chilton Village Hall

**(This extended service will include a  
complimentary afternoon tea)**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**at 2.30pm**

at St Matthew's Harwell

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