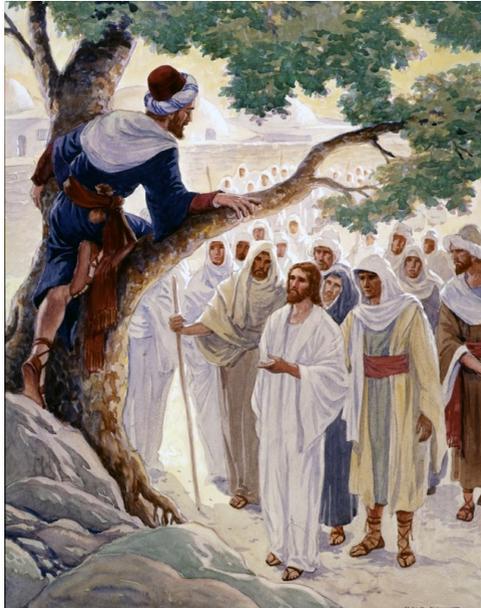


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Monday 13th March 2023

The Houses Jesus Visited

The Home of Zacchaeus



St Matthew's Harwell

and

All Saints' Chilton

Welcome and Notices

This year we are going to be visiting some of the homes that Jesus visited and the people he met in them. Each person and each home gives us insight into a greater story.

You may like to start to think about some of your favourite ones and have memories of these stories from your childhood. We will see who can remember a specific song about our 'star' today! It may set you off reminiscing as you recall it.

We also will look at 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 your conversations, may we know the reality of your wonderful love.

Amen

Hymn

Tell me the stories of Jesus

I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me
If He were here:
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children
Stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness,
Deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light
Of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow
The children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree
High in my hand;
One of his heralds,
Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas" Jesus is King"!

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 19: 1 - 10

Hymn Wonderful Grace

That gives what I don't deserve
Pays me what Christ has earned
Then lets me go free
Wonderful grace
That gives me the time to change
Washes away the stain
That once covered me

And all that I am
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful
Saviour
Who loves me



Wonderful love
That held in the face of death
Breathed in it's final breath
Forgiveness for me
Wonderful love
Whose power can break every chain
Giving us life again
Setting us free

And all that I am
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour
Who loves me

Conversation with Pam

Bible Reading – 1 John 2: 1 and 2

Talk by Jan

Song by Kate: Oh Happy Day

Chorus Words for all to join in:

Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day:
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!

Reverse Collection

Closing Prayers

Gracious God, you call us all to be part of your story. Enable us to share your amazing love through the warmth and friendship of our homes. We thank you for the sharing of meals with each other and with our friends and family. Please help us to show hospitality to all. Guide our conversation as we gather together, and help us keep our hearts open to you. Lord we thank you: **for all that we have been given.**

Lord, we pray for your provision in our lives and in our homes. As Jesus taught us, we pray for our daily bread: may you give us what we need for today, and may you remind us not to worry about tomorrow. We pray also for all those in our villages and beyond who do not have enough to eat. Please provide for them, and give us hearts to serve and to help them. Lord we thank you: **for all that we have been given.**

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 your presence. 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 we thank you: **for all that we have been given.**

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 we thank you: **for all that we have been given.**

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. **Amen**

Hymn

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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 4th June 2023 at 2.30pm
at St Matthew's Harwell

Monday 11th September 2023 at
2.00pm – 4.00pm
at Chilton Village Hall
(This extended service will include a
complimentary afternoon tea)

Monday 4th December 2023 at
2.30pm
at St Matthew's Harwell

**If you would like to join Pam and
Jan to look more deeply into the
Christian faith or to ask those
questions you have always wanted
to ask we are planning on meeting
together for 4 weeks:**

**Tuesday 25th April, 2nd May, 9th
May, 16th May**

2pm to 3.15pm

**Please sign up so we can plan
for numbers!**

and...

Tea and Cake of course!!

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