



## St. John's C of E (Aided) Primary School Collective Worship Plan – Spring 2022



**Overall theme for Spring Term:** The Sermon on the Mount

**Summary:** *The Sermon on the Mount is a collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus, which emphasizes his moral teaching and is found in the Gospel of Matthew (chapters 5, 6, and 7). It takes place relatively early in the Ministry of Jesus after he has been baptized by John the Baptist, had fasted and contemplated in the desert, and began to preach in Galilee.*

*The Sermon is the longest continuous discourse of Jesus found in the New Testament and has been one of the most widely quoted elements of the Canonical Gospels. It includes some of the best-known teachings, such as the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer.*

| Week Commencing                  | Theme  |
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| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 | <p align="center"><b>Welcome Back</b><br/>New Year ... New Start</p>   |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5: 3 – 11 Happiness</b><br/>The Beatitudes or Blessings ... introduction to Jesus' teaching the crowd<br/>"Blessed are the ..."</p>   |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5:13 Being the salt of the earth</b><br/>Notes: Roman soldiers were sometimes paid in salt, it was very precious, what does being salt mean for followers of Jesus.<br/>Salt preserves food, seasons, a little goes a long way etc.</p>   |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5: 14 – 16 You are the light of the world</b><br/>Notes: Good deeds are not about making ourselves feel good, though they can, it is about liberating those around us to do good deeds as well.<br/>Light sets people free, makes things clear, helps people feel safe.<br/>In what way are Christians called to live if this is to be true?</p>  |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5: 17 -20 Jesus being the fulfilment of the promise</b><br/>Notes: A follower of Jesus is a person whose life points to Jesus.<br/>Being in a church doesn't make us Christians anymore than being in McDonald's make us a beef burger!<br/>Think about fruits of our lives, what shapes us and what do we shape the world around us with – lies or truth, love or hate, hope or despair?<br/>To go deeper we could think about the way the lives of the prophets pointed to Jesus.</p> |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022     | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5: 21 – 25 Relationships matter</b><br/>Notes: This passage takes the Old Testament commandment and shines a whole new light on it.<br/>Jesus is making clear that those motivated by hatred are no better than murderers. (The queen of hearts is a good example of such a person.)<br/>Living mindfully (looking to Jesus) is about nurturing those parts of us that respond positively and finding healthy ways to stop destructive anger.<br/>Finding joy in the moment.</p>        |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Matthew 5: 38 – 48 Overcoming evil with Good</b><br/>Jesus suggests a range of radical alternatives to the 'eye for an eye' model.<br/>We can think about being shaped by good things not bad and so choosing to shape the world around us by not 'entering' a situation but rather responding to it in unexpected ways.<br/>Meeting anger with gentleness, hatred with love and so on.<br/>(Ghandi is an interesting example to think about.)</p>  |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2022    | <p align="center"><b>Half term Holiday</b></p>   |

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| <p><b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b></p> <p>Shrove Tuesday: Tues<br/>1<sup>st</sup> March</p> <p>Ash Wednesday (start<br/>of Lent):<br/>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March</p> | <p><b>Matthew 6: 1 – 4 Sharing with others because we care, not because we think we are amazing</b></p> <p>Jesus was making the point that being who we are as simply about being who we are!</p> <p>Love makes demands and one of those demands is to share freely and without fuss the good things in our lives.</p> <p>Stories around sharing, the 'pass it on' movement, the little acts of kindness stuff, all these reflect what Jesus had to say. (Link to being a Bucket Filler.)</p> |
| <p><b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b></p>  | <p><b>Matthew 6: 5 – 8 Prayer, praying is about relationship</b></p> <p>Think of the things we talk about with the one who loves us, sometimes we don't even need words.</p> <p>Think about relationships without conversation, is it even possible, I don't think so.</p> <p>So prayer is about relationship, holding the hand of God, trusting in his response and expecting to know him better.</p>  |
| <p><b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b></p>   | <p><b>Matthew 6: 9 – 13 The Lord's Prayer</b></p> <p>Jesus kept it simple, he praised (shifting our eyes heavenward), he asked for his needs to be met (not wants), he recognised that we all mess up and asked for help and forgiveness. Jesus prays for the rest.</p>   |
| <p><b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b></p>   | <p><b>Matthew 6: 19 – 24 Treasures in heaven</b></p> <p>Reflect on Jesus' life, his treasures were in the love of his friends and family, in pointing out the joy of God in us, the life of hope and love.</p> <p>Reflect on Jesus' journey towards the cross, we begin to see the Sermon on the Mount being lived out in awful circumstances.</p>  |
| <p><b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b></p> <p>Lead up to Easter ...<br/>The Last Supper,<br/>Garden of Gethsemane,<br/>Jesus' Death</p>                              | <p><b>Matthew 6: 25 – 34 Do not worry</b></p> <p>As Jesus approaches the cross his teaching on do not worry takes on a new depth. Consider if Jesus could live this in such circumstances, trusting that whatever happened all would be good in the end how much more should we be able to live like that today. Tell the story of his betrayal and death with 'Do not worry' writ large through the story.</p>   |
| <p><b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p> <p>Jesus' Resurrection</p>   | <p><b>Matthew 7: 24 – 28 The wise and foolish builders</b></p> <p>People who put these words into action will live full, happy and abundant lives.</p> <p>How do we know they are true?</p> <p>Resurrection ... we are a resurrection people, a hopeful people.</p> <p>Think about the impact of resurrection, did it make people listen to Jesus words, demonstrate His authenticity etc. How should we respond today?</p>   |
| <p><b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>   | <p><b>Easter Service(s) in St. John's Church</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April<br/>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p>   | <p><b>Easter Holidays</b></p>   |