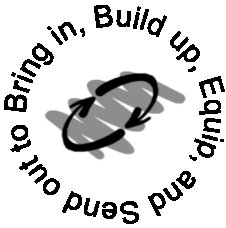


To know Jesus and make known His transforming power



# info2go

Clifton Parish Churches: CPC, St Mark's & Clifton Moor

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## How we read the Bible (and could do it better)

Jonny our youth work leader writes:

This term at Older JAM we are spending some time looking at the Miracles of Jesus. There are a couple of reasons for this but the most important one (I think), is that the miracles show us something really important about WHO Jesus is. They tell us the things He values, the things He cares about and the things He would like His followers to be concerned with.

So what does this have to do with reading the Bible? I'm glad you asked. The way we are looking at Scripture with JAM is by starting by exploring the questions it makes us ask. Why did Jesus calm the storm? Why did Jesus heal blind Bartimeaus? Why did Jesus raise Jairus's daughter from the dead? What does any of this have to do with me?

It seems that a lot of the time we read the Bible looking for answers, or expecting it to give us information. But what if we turn that around, and instead of searching for the information it can give us, we instead search for what it is causing us to ask.

This week, pick a Gospel, read a bit, and instead of treating it as the destination, treat it as the start of a search. What questions come to mind when you read a story? What more do you want to know?

Instead of treating the Bible as a series of facts hidden in a story, explore the story. Imagine the story, and see where it leads you.



***New to this church? Good! WELCOME! We want to welcome you into the family. Please ask about being part of a small home group—it's the way to belong. And ask about how your gifts can be used!***

## NEW THIS WEEK

### Clifton Parish Church

**Preaching** Mark 1:21-28.

### St Mark's Church

**Preaching** Mark 1:21-28.

### Clifton Moor Church

**Preaching** Mark 1:21-28.

### Parish

#### **32 Stories**

These small booklets are available in the churches



and are really encouraging. They describe different projects taking place in our city, where Christians are sharing God's love in very practical ways. Pick up a copy, be encouraged and maybe get inspired to volunteer in one or other of these projects yourself.

#### **The next**

#### **Women's**

**Breakfast** is on Saturday 3rd February, 8.30 – 10.30am at



St. Mark's Church. Do come along and enjoy fellowship and worship, and listen to our speaker Celia Rutt. Please sign up in the churches if you would like to come along.

#### **Messy church**

**event** Wednesday 14th February, St Mark's, 6 - 7.30pm.



**Change of date** Please note that the Growing Together event planned for Saturday 24th January has been moved to Saturday 3rd March (more details on page 3). Book in for the Wednesday or Saturday session at the Parish office.

## PREVIOUSLY IN INFO2GO

### Clifton Parish Church

#### **Attention all CPC members!**

On Sunday 28 January from 10:15 - 10:45am



there will be an opportunity to speak to members of the current leadership team (Andy Goodwin, Steve Purton, Peter Hallsworth and Paul Millard) . We are aware that while we don't have a vicar the congregations at CPC do not have a recognised, regular ordained leader to whom they can ask questions, so we want to provide this opportunity for people to do so.

### St Mark's Church

**Prayer meeting** at 10am every Sunday in Harold's room. All welcome.

### Parish

#### **Do you hold information on behalf of the Parish?**

If you hold information on behalf of Clifton Parish (eg addresses, emails, phone numbers) please let Sheila know asap via the Parish office. It is important that we know who holds this information so that we can comply with the new law on Data Protection when it



comes into force.

**Word and Spirit Service** January 21, 7pm, CPC. In this service we will be looking at how we minister supernaturally in a natural non-complicated way. Jesus said that we would do greater works than he did (John 14.12) and this does include all the various supernatural ministries of healing, prophecy etc. We will be particularly looking at the four main elements that assist this type of ministry.

- The authority that Jesus gives his disciples.
- Spiritual gifting.
- Trust (or Faith).
- Consecration.

Jesus gave instructions to his disciples to minister in supernatural ways and so, I would suggest, this ministry is still relevant to the disciples of today.

### **Prayer evening**

The staff team invite you to an evening of prayer from 7:30pm to 9pm on Wednesday Jan 31st at St Mark's. The focus will be on Praise for what God is doing and has done, together with intercession for the future. The leadership team feel that we want to prioritise prayer in the life of the Church. Please make every effort to come.



**Parish Prayer meeting** St Mark's, 9am, Monday - every week. If you are free please come and pray with us for the Parish. We pray particularly for the Kingdom of God to come in the Parish and that includes praying for the sick and needy, praying for those who lead us in different ways and praying for people to come to faith. Remember John Wesley's words "God does nothing except in response to believing prayer."

### **Growing**

**together** We shall be running two sessions on what it means to be a Missional Church i.e. a Church that embraces God's mission as its central identity and purpose. This will be held at St Mark's Church on Wednesday 21 February from 8 - 9:30pm and a repeat session on Saturday 3rd March from 10 -11:30am (please note the change of date). We will be using a combination of video inputs and discussion groups. Our hope is that these sessions will help us to engage in some creative thinking around ways of engaging in the mission of God. Book in for your preferred session at the Parish office.

**The church  
has left  
the building.**



### **Building work**

**at CPC** The diocese have started work on replacing the Vicarage roof which is likely to take a few weeks. During this time, due to scaffolding and builders materials, parking may become more limited than usual and I hope this will not present any problems too you. Also please could I ask that we all take care around the area to ensure we avoid any mishaps. Thank you for your help. Andy.



### **Interested in joining the PCC?**

PCC members are having a training evening and meal on January 29th. Anyone interested in becoming a PCC member is very welcome to join them to find out more about what is involved. Let Sheila know at St Mark's or via the Parish office if you would like to attend.



## Regular events

Sunday services	CPC	9.15am & 11am (& 7pm 3rd Sunday)	
	St Mark's	11am (& 9.15am 2nd Sunday)	
	Clifton Moor	10am	
Prayer meetings	St Mark's	9 - 9.45am	Monday
	St Mark's	10 - 10.30am	Sunday
PIP (Prophetic Intercession)	CPC	8 - 9.30am	2nd Saturday in month
Communion service	CPC	10.30am	Wednesday
Moor Praise	Clifton Moor	7pm	1st Sunday in month
JAM (younger group)	St Mark's	5 - 7pm	Sunday (term time)
JAM (older group)	St Mark's	6.30 - 9pm	Sunday (term time)
Jingles toddler group	CPC	10 - 11.45am	Friday (term time)
First steps toddler group	St Mark's	10 - 11.30am	Wednesday (term time)
Little Lambs Toddler Church	CPC	10 - 11.30am	Tuesday (term time)
Pathways club (7-11s)	Clifton Moor	6.15 - 7.30pm	Tuesday (term time)
Shine (4 -7s)	CPC	4 - 5pm	Friday (term time)

A number of small groups take place during the week in people's homes. For more information on any of our events talk to the service leader or contact the Parish Office.

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