

Week beginning November 1st

Theirs is the Kingdom

Opening Questions

- On All Saints' Day we give thanks for those believers who have gone before us. Looking back, is there a Christian who has been a special blessing to you?
- Where do you find hope day by day?

Getting into the text

Read Matthew 5:1-12

- What do you think it means to be 'poor in spirit?' Why will the kingdom of heaven be theirs?

- How did Jesus show that he was 'meek?' What might this look like in a believer's life?

- What is someone who is hungry and thirsty for righteousness seeking in their lives?

- What qualities would show that that someone is 'pure in heart?'

- In what ways do Jesus' words contradict the way the world looks at life?

Applying the Bible to your life

- Is there a particular Beatitude which speaks to you today? How does it challenge or encourage you?

- Why do you think it is important for Jesus' followers to model the Beatitudes in their lives?

Something to pray about

In Matthew 5:9 we read, **'Blessed are the peacemakers ...'**

- Pray for the many areas of the world where there is no peace at the moment. Ask God to strengthen and encourage those who are working for peace and reconciliation.
- Offer to God any situations you know of in your family or community where relationships have broken down and there is a need for peace. Ask God to show you how you can be a peacemaker in the situation.
- Pray that St Philips might be a place of peace and sanctuary in West Howe.