



Welcome to our morning Service led by Steven Mitchell, Children and Youth Development Officer (CYDO) at Mersey Synod, and will be laid out café style.

Theme: Dealing with Disappointment
Readings: Luke 24 v13-49



There will be a Fairtrade Stall after this morning's service

Children and Family Worker post.

Unfortunately it has become necessary to postpone the talk planned for this morning, this will be rescheduled for a later date. More information to follow.

Taizé Service

There will be a Taize Service at church **this evening at 7pm.**



Church Meeting Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm

Please send agenda items to Dave Thurston - secretary@thomasrisley.org by Monday (18th) evening.

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Enthusiastic helpers needed

The Birchwood Churches Together are having a stall at the **artisan market on Saturday 23rd September** at the Birchwood shopping mall.

We are going to be doing some sticking etc to make a mirror reflecting ourselves as our theme is God's Creation we are fearfully and wonderfully made. I am making up a rota of hourly time slots of volunteers from 10am to 4pm. **Please contact me if you can help. Blessings to all. Lynne Deason**

Bible readings for the week ending 24.09.2023

- Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16

Duties at church Sunday 24.09.2023

Leader:	Fiona, Helen & Kathryn
Welcome:	Rhona & David Searle
Tea & Coffee:	Elaine Watts & Kevin McDermott

August Accounts

Income:	£ 3,470.32
Expenditure:	£ (3,319.78)
	£ 150.54



During July and August it was also necessary to carry out some repairs to one main hall heater and the roof which cost us a total of £6,336. As a result our general fund balance is now £14,650 which is slightly below the minimum amount we consider it prudent to have in our general fund.



Birchwood Blokes Breakfast – The next men’s breakfast will be at 9:00-10.30am on Saturday 30th September at the Encounter Centre, Benson Road. There will be the usual Full English with some hearty discussion as well. Please invite a mate.

Please let Stuart know if you and your friends are planning to come:
birchwoodminister@urcmerseysynod.org.uk or text 07946 582327



Next TRotters Walk Dates



Saturday 23rd September
 Saturday 14th October
 Saturday 4th November

Please contact Diane for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Church Warrington Carol service**. This is a **free event** with traditional carols and guest speaker J John. Come and celebrate Christmas with friends and family. Turnstiles open 6pm Carol service starts at 7pm.

To book a ticket - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

4Front Theatre

are coming to Birchwood this Christmas!

2/12/23 3.00 pm at Birchwood High School

More information to follow - don't miss out on this exciting new “pantivity” - **a pantomime and a nativity all in one!**

A live show for all the family at an affordable price brought to you by Birchwood Churches Together



If you have any news or items that you want to let people know about, just send an email to Maggie via news@thomasrisley.org **before Thursday afternoon please**. If you would like to receive an email copy of the newsletter each week, you can request one either via our website, <http://www.thomasrisley.org> or by emailing secretary@thomasrisley.org . It is also published on our website

Journeying With Jesus - Summer Challenge 2023

Godly character. In tough times and easy ones, with difficult people and delightful people, remember the fruit of the Spirit – **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** Pray that you grow to be more like Christ.



Good works. What we do and how we do it! Doing good work that serves others and helps them and creation. Trying to do your tasks consciously for the Lord, in the Spirit and to his glory. Seeking God's wisdom, his strength, and his touch. Ask for the Holy Spirits transforming help to make your best really shine.



Grace and love. Practical care and kindness for those who need it. The way we respond in everyday situations. Especially the difficult ones! How do we engage with each person we meet? Consider the other person's long-term interests. Not just our own.



Spark Change. Begin with a few people and a few small actions. What things bother you? What are the values that underpin them? What could be done differently that would make it a better place for people to flourish? Pray for Guidance to make it more like God's will, here on earth.



Speak Out for Truth & Justice. There are times when being a disciple means **speaking against** things that are unfair, unhealthy, or untruthful. Or maybe **speaking for** things that are true and just and good. It takes courage, wisdom & prayer.



Share the Good News. Be ready 'to give a reason for the hope that is in you' (1 Peter 3:15). Ask for prayer and support. Rest in God, trust in his timing. Build trust and relationships, care for people, and share what Jesus has done in your life and what he offers to everyone.

