



Where are we now? Where are we going? Where have we come from?

This term we're going to be looking at those three questions. As a fellowship we believe that God wants to use us to see transformation in our community by the power of his Holy Spirit. But to do that our character must first be transformed by the same Holy Spirit. Jesus explains what he is looking for in a transformed character in 10 verses at the beginning of Matthew 5, often known as *The Sermon on the Mount*. These verses, called *The Beatitudes*, sum up Jesus' key teaching about the people who he wants us to be. So we are going to spend the first half of this term looking at these Beatitudes and asking, not just what does a transformed Christian character look like, but how can we then reach our community for Jesus in practice?

Then we are going to spend a few weeks looking back. This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To misquote Monty Python, *What did the Reformation ever do for us?* It turns out quite a lot – in terms of our understanding of faith, the Bible, the Church and worship. This isn't going to be a dry exercise in Church history – we'll be seeing how the Lord used some key people to keep God's Church on track at a vital point in its history. And we still need to keep on track. So come and find out more about our Christian heritage – and see what the past might have to say about our future.

On December 3 we have the very first visit from Karen Gorham, the Bishop of Sherborne when we'll be having a united communion service at 10.30 – followed by Christmas lunch. And then before we know it really will be Christmas!

God has some exciting things planned for us this term – do join us as we explore life in the Spirit together.

Sunday mornings at All Saints - 8.00 and 10.30

- Sept 10 Who we are 1 - *Blessed are the poor in spirit*
- Sept 17 Who we are 2 - *Blessed are those who mourn*
- Sept 24 Who we are 3 - *Blessed are the meek*
- Oct 1 Harvest Thanksgiving
- Oct 8 Who we are 4 - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*
- Oct 15 Who we are 5 - *Blessed are the merciful*
- Oct 22 Who we are 6 - *Blessed are the pure in heart*
- Oct 29 Who we are 7 - *Blessed are the peacemakers*
- Nov 5 Who we are 8 - *Blessed are those who are persecuted*
- Nov 12 Reformation 500 - *By Faith Alone*
- Nov 19 Reformation 500 - *To the Glory of God Alone*
- Nov 26 Reformation 500 - *By Christ alone*
- Dec 3 Visit of Bishop Karen - plus the All Saints Christmas lunch - and Christingle at 4.00pm!
- Dec 10 Reformation 500 - *By Scripture Alone* - Sandra Tebbutt of the Bible Society
- Dec 17 Christmas is coming!
- Dec 18 Carols by Candlelight (at 7.00pm)
- Dec 24 Christmas is here!
- Dec 25 It's Christmas Day!
- Dec 31 Who is Jesus?
- Jan 7 Wise Men visit Jesus

*Our vision - to see the Kingdom of God come in power
through the transformation of our community*