

## All Saints Chilvers Coton Nuneaton.

### Priceless treasure

#### INTRODUCTION

Today Jesus tells us a story to explain that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a priceless treasure that we would swap our most precious possessions for.

#### GOSPEL (*cf Matthew 13:44-46*)

Jesus said to the crowds, 'One day a man was digging in a field when his spade struck a box which was buried there. When he opened the box, he was amazed to find it was full of treasure. He quickly buried the treasure again, went away and sold his house and all that he owned. With the money he made, he bought the field from the farmer, and then ran back and dug up the treasure. There was another man who was a merchant who bought and sold pearls to earn a living. One day he happened to find the most perfect, beautiful pearl he had ever seen. He too went away and sold everything so that he would have enough money to buy that pearl for himself.

Jesus said, 'God's kingdom is the real treasure, as perfect and precious as the pearl; you would give up everything you have for it, because it is worth more than anything else in the whole world.'

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#### ACTIVITY

Make your own 'treasure chest' and several 'jewels'. Use a box and decorate it. Add Jewels with treasure words representing a way of living that shows we are following the example of Jesus. Here is a list of possible words Sharing; loving; forgiving; kindness; honesty or other words you can think of. By living this way, we can build up treasure in heaven.

Label the chest 'God's kingdom' and fill it with the priceless jewels. There is a colouring sheet on page 2 if you want to use that as an extra activity.



#### PRAYER (*based on Psalm 119:36-37, 43-44*)

Lord, help me to store up my riches in heaven not on earth,  
To know what is important and not to waste my time on worthless things.  
To always speak the truth and do what you ask because of the love I have for you.  
Amen

The good news is that we are starting services in the church in August.

At the moment the Church is open between 9:30 – 10:30 each Sunday for private prayer.

In August there will be one service each Sunday starting at 9:30 am. We are not allowed to sing but we can have music videos. Social distancing and other measures will be in place to keep us all safe.

The pattern will be:

First Sunday – Holy Communion (Common Worship, red book format)

Second Sunday - Holy Communion (Family style service)

Third Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP format)

Fourth Sunday - Morning Celebration (slightly new format and no breakfast before service)

**Children's activity bags** will be available for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and will replace this activity mailing.

But one of the problems is the limited number of people we can have in the building. We are looking at an invitation system which will ask for a reply. It would tend to be a first come system for the places available.

Frank will be sending out more information with further details in the near future.

We look forward to a time when the infection rate lets us reduce the social distance so we can get more people into the building safely.

Peter and Edwina

On behalf of the ministry team at All Saints Church Nuneaton

