

Holiday Headlines

St Nicholas Holiday Club

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Life given for us

"City bonuses increased by 30% to a record £14 billion this year". This was the news on Tuesday. Where does the money come from? The article went on: "The bonuses come against a background of record debt, rising bankruptcies and home repossessions".

Imagine if Jesus were to come back today. What would we think if he ignored the ordinary people and invited himself to a slap-up dinner with one of those successful financial executives? Wouldn't we be shocked? But that's what happened in our story today. Zaccheus was an enterprising tax-collector, making a good living for himself by charging the people more than the authorities required. No wonder he was despised and had no friends! But Jesus could see the emptiness in his life and knew that in all the crowd, he most needed compassion and forgiveness. The meal that Zaccheus shared with Jesus changed his life. To show that he'd made a new start, he gave away half of his possessions, and to anyone he had cheated he returned four times as much. It doesn't sound like he had a lot of money left!

Some people grow wealthy by good fortune or hard work. Pray that they don't become greedy, but use their wealth to serve and enrich others. We can all consider the gifts God has given us which are worth more than any money – and most of all, his gift of Jesus, his own son, who came to rich and poor alike.

What is:

... greater than God?
... more evil than the devil?
... the poor have it
... the rich need it
... and if you eat it you die?

A riddle from Jack

Something to remember

Today's memory verse is:

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd who is willing to die for the sheep".

John chapter 10 verse 11

How many legs has a butterfly?



Many of the best brains of Marston – who could answer all the questions about yesterday's bible story – were stumped by this seemingly easy one. Suggestions included two, four, eight, ten, twelve – till we had the right answer. Like all other insects, a butterfly has six legs!

Ten O'Clock Tots

10 o'clock Tots is for babies and toddlers and their carers - a short time of songs, stories, prayer and fun, followed by refreshments.

In St Nicholas Church 10am to 11am, on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting 13 Sept, then 11 Oct, 8 Nov and 13 Dec.

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