



Service notes for 16th August 2020

Matthew 25 verses 1-13: the wise
and foolish virgins

THE PARABLE

Invite to a wedding celebration

10 virgins - 'torch bearers'

5 have oil, 5 do not

The 5 without are unable to enter the celebration

"I never knew you"

We don't know the day or the hour

Parable is a picture of Jesus Christ's second coming, His return in
glory

THOSE WITH NO OIL

The church is the bride but ...

The 5 foolish virgins are church-goers unprepared for the
bridegroom's return

THOSE WITH OIL

Prepared to serve the bridegroom – business as usual

The 5 wise virgins are Christians prepared for the bridegroom's
return

'NO-ONE KNOWS THE TIME'

Jesus' second coming is inevitable

There is no excuse to be unprepared

Sifting of Christians from 'religious' / 'church-goers'

DIGGING DEEPER NOTES

AUGUST 16TH 2020 – PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS

1. Just for light relief – what's the silliest thing you've ever done?
2. Why do the foolish virgins not come prepared? What can we learn from their rebuke from the master?
3. What is 'business as usual' in your Christian walk with God?
4. Does the idea of Christ's second coming excite you? If not, why not?
5. In what area of your life does God need to do the most work at present?
6. How can we avoid being uncertain of our salvation?
7. Pray that God would reveal how you can be of service to Him, wherever and whoever you are. Thank Him for your salvation, or come fresh to the cross in repentance and faith. Ask that God's Holy Spirit be at work in you, and will make you more like Jesus today and every day.