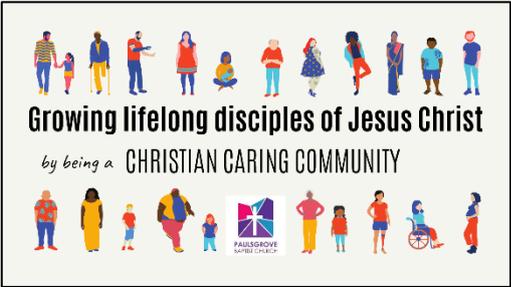
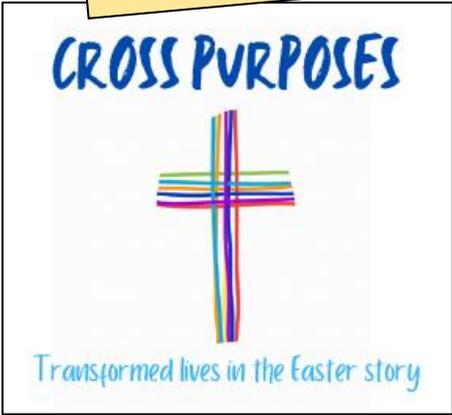




Sunday 7th
March 2021



New series



“What did Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection achieve?”

Mary of Bethany: The God who transforms hearts (Mark 14:1-11)

Younger children: Can you draw a cartoon strip of the story, showing what happens in each picture?

<p>Jesus was having dinner at Simon's house</p>	<p>Mary came in and poured expensive perfume on Jesus' head</p>	<p>Some of the people said it was waste – she could have given money to poor people instead</p>
<p>Jesus said that what she did was a beautiful thing – she loved him</p>	<p>Mary had prepared Jesus to die on the cross</p>	<p>Judas went to help the chief priests kill Jesus, and they promised to give him money</p>

Why do you think Mary would do this for Jesus?



1. An unexpected gift (v.3)

2. A harsh rebuke (v.4-5)

3. A beautiful thing (v.6-9)



Think & pray this week:

How would you describe the transformation that took place in Mary's heart through knowing Jesus?

Is your heart being transformed by Jesus? How?

Have you been 'too busy' to spend time with Jesus recently? Is it really true that you're too busy?

Think of one or two Christians you know. How would you describe their devotion to Jesus?

In what ways would you like your love for Jesus to be demonstrated in your life? Can you make a start?

What would you like your tombstone to say about you?

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

(Matt Redman)