

LENT MEAL & DISCUSSIONS 2012

at St Matthew's Church, Chapel Allerton

Money, Money, Money in a rich man's world!

We will start at 7.30pm with a simple meal of soup (provided) and pudding (offerings gratefully received), followed by a guest speaker and open discussions.

First Discussion – Wednesday 7th March

Does God love the bankers?

with Revd Rob Hinton, Minister to Leeds business community.

'There has been such a great deal spoken over the last 4 years about the failure of the global financial system and those who have driven and managed it and the church has been as loud as anyone. So just why have we suffered what we've suffered, said what we've said and blamed who we've blamed? In this first session I hope that we will come to a better understanding of what a transforming Christian response could look like in the whole issue of the economic melt down, the current round of spending cuts and prices rises. What does the good news of Jesus have to say to those who drive the markets – whoever they may be?'

Second Discussion – Wednesday 21st March

What does St Luke say about money?

with Richard Oliver, Reader at St Matthew's

We have all been aware in the news about the scandalous salaries earned by the chief executives in the banking sector, and the credit crunch illustrated by the near-collapse of the Royal Bank of Scotland in 2008, and the current Eurozone crisis.

The Occupy Movement (protesting in major cities around the world) has drawn attention to the lack of fairness in our society between the few who have more money than any of us could dream of, and those who are struggling to make ends meet. Due to the Occupy Movement sitting itself outside St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, home of the nation's major banks, the Church has been thrust into this debate.

We will explore together what the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles have to say to our twenty-first century internet culture about the age-old question of money and wealth, in the light of the kingdom of God which Jesus came to proclaim.

Third Discussion – Wednesday 28th March

The Money Revolution

with Revd David Robinson, Vicar of St Matthew's

In this last session we will seek to apply Christian principles to our own handling of money using a resource recommended by the Archbishop of York, called *The Money Revolution*. Everyone attending will receive a copy of *The Money Revolution* book, for which donations of £1 will be gratefully received.

Please indicate your attendance by email to revdavidrobinson@talktalk.net