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| **DATE** | **Speaker** | **TITLE** | **READING** |
| 5th Jan | David Knowles | Faith of the Centurion | Matthew 8 v 5-13 |
| 12th Jan | CH | The Cost of Following Jesus | Matthew 8 v 18 - 22 |
| 19th Jan | Adrian Armstrong | Faith in the storm | Matthew 8 v 23 - 27 |
| 26th Jan | George Campbell | Jesus Authority to heal | Matthew 8 v 28 to 9 v8; 9 v 18 -34 |
| 2nd Feb | Alex Warren | Jesus Calls Matthew | Matthew 9 v 9-13 |
| 9th Feb | Paul Friend | Harvesting for Jesus | Matthew 9 v 35 – 10 v 23 |
| 16th Feb | Scott Hamilton | The giver of rest | Matthew 11 v 25 - 29 |
| 23rd Feb | CH | Two Kingdoms | Matthew 12 v 22 - 42 |
| 1st Mar | Jonny Gilmour | The Parable of the sower | Matthew 13 v 1-23 |
| 8th Mar | David Meredith | The Kingdom of Heaven | Matthew 13 v 24 -52 |
| 15th Mar | CH | Keep eyes on Jesus | Matthew 14 v 22-33 |
| 22nd Mar | Neal McMillan | The bread of life | Matthew 15 v 32 – 16 v 12 |
| 29th Mar | CH | Peter’s confession | Matthew 16 v 13 - 23 |
| 5th Aprl | John Hannah | Cross carrying for Jesus | Matthew 16 v 24 - 28 |

In their book ‘How to read the Bible book by book’ Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart rightly say that it is fitting for Matthew to come first in the New Testament. “First, from the opening sentence it has deliberate and direct ties to the Old Testament; second, because of its orderly arrangement of Jesus teaching, it was the most often used Gospel in the early church.” This teaching and narrative focusses in on the identity of Jesus as the expected Messianic King. Jesus inaugurates the time of God’s kingly rule. Matthew records for us the proclamation of and life in the kingdom as well as the power and mission of the kingdom of heaven.

Our hope is that our continued study of Matthew’s Gospel (chapters 8-16) will help deepen our understanding and worship of Jesus. May Matthew’s testimony make us want to submit to and live under God’s kingly rule and so enjoy the blessing of life in His Kingdom.

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