

Introduction to our Bible Study Programme for 2020-2021 from Rev Tanya Woods – our Central Chaplain

When Jesus was teaching the disciples and the those that followed him around, he spoke to them in a way they would understand. So, when Jesus was talking to the people he might talk about Olive trees, or vines, as they would all be used to grapes or olives growing on trees around them. When Jesus spoke to fishermen, he talked about fish and nets. When Jesus talked to farmers he talked about seeds, and their growth, weeds and soil. Jesus' aim was to them an important message. But, not everyone who followed Jesus wanted to hear what he had to say, some did, and if they thought about what he said to them, they would understand the hidden meaning in the story. But then there were others who only listened to catch him out or to find fault. This is what Jesus meant when he said "whoever has ears, let him hear."

This year we have two stories (parables), that Jesus told to his followers: the hidden talents (gifts) and the unforgiving servant.

I wonder can you find the hidden meaning in the stories?