

Parish Church of St. Barnabas, Swanland *Sharing Christ through friendship.*  
 Small Group notes for week beginning Sunday **4/10/15 (Harvest Thankgiving)**  
 Joel 2:21-27; Matthew 6:25-33. **Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness**

<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>Worship</b>	<p><i>Suggested songs: Songs of Fellowship: 493 Seek ye first; 120 From heaven you came; 310 Jesus we enthrone you.</i></p> <p><i>(NB: 20 files containing about 30 newer songs are available to borrow from the office for groups)</i></p>
<b>Word (refs.)</b>	<p><i>The sermon from Sunday's 9am service is available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab) – these notes are based on the three key points from that.</i></p>
<b><u>Read</u></b> Matt 6:25-33	<p>What aspect of 'living in the kingdom' can be related to Harvest Thankgiving.</p> <p>What points is Jesus trying to make when he says 'Do not worry'? <i>(Look also at verse 34)</i></p> <p>What can be the consequences of 'worrying'?</p> <p>What do we understand by 'the kingdom'?</p> <p>Have a look at some of the 'kingdom of God/heaven' parables in Matthew 13:24,31,33,44,45,47 &amp; 18.23. Luke 13.19.</p> <p>How do we 'seek first the kingdom'?</p> <p>What do these parables teach us for our lives today?</p> <p>What do we mean by 'righteousness'?</p> <p>What is the connection between the kingdom and righteousness? <i>(See Matthew 5:10)</i></p> <p>What has God done, and still does, for us to know 'his kingdom and his righteousness'? <i>(Refer Joel 2.28)</i></p>
<b>Witness</b>	<p><b><u>Pray</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link person(s) or project</li> <li>❖ for the working out of 'kingdom principles' in our daily lives.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ to donate 'harvest gifts' to the ARK project or a Food Bank.</li> </ul>