

PARISH OF ST.FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

**Fifth Week, beginning January 12th. 2020**  
**This week we read St.Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5**

KEY PASSAGE - ST.MATTHEW 5:3-12

Jesus said : Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

\* The Beatitudes are sometimes suggested as a form of self-examination.

To use them in this way is a good exercise. Am I poor in spirit (humble)? Am I meek? Am I merciful? Am I a peacemaker?

Am I pure in heart (single-minded)? Am I ready to stand up for my beliefs, and be persecuted for them?