

## Rector's Message – February 8, 2026

Matthew 5:13-20 - *"Salt and Light"*

In the context of Black History Month, this passage is a powerful reminder that regardless of who we are, the colour of our skin, or culture, our identity, language or accent or ethnicity, as Christians our faith and being Chrislike matter as we are all called to:

- Preserve and flavour justice (salt): Counter injustices we often see around us, show love instead of hate and racism; act on equity and righteousness(cf. Micah 6:8).
- Shine light in drakness: As Church we need to stand to amplfy marginalized voices in our midst and around us, celebrate Balck contributions and reflect on God's love.
- Live out kingdom values: Pursue justice, mercy, and humility in a world that is full of chaos and division.

As Christians, we're called to embody Jesus' teachings, embracing our role in God's story of justice, love and compassion. Now the question is, how do you see yourself as a shining light or being salt in your community, especially in February and beyond?

Being salt or light in the world is not about fame, accolades or self-gratification, but rather about faith that makes a difference where humanity self-righteouness fails with vain glories (cf.1 Corinthians 2:1,4-5).

"You are the salt of the earth,...\"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven\" (Matthew 5:13,14, 16).

Thanks be to God!

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