



### **What is Home Mission Sunday?**

Through our baptism in Christ, we are each able to say:

*'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to the prisoners.'*

When Jesus asks us to follow him, he does not promise that it will be easy, but that we will be able to live life to the full. Jesus came not merely to live our 'best life' but our whole life to the full. This takes faith, it takes the courage to follow him, and it takes a generous heart that is willing to reach out to those oppressed, broken hearted, held captive and imprisoned.

As we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, we are therefore invited to experience the joy of being a disciple of Christ by inviting those we know and love to meet Him for themselves. Whether someone we meet on the street, a neighbour, friend, or work colleague, we can invite people to meet Jesus and accept this salvation we are offering them *'the joy of being set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.'*

Let's begin by praying for those we know and love to recognised Jesus as their friend. Then, as prompted by the Holy Spirit, take a step of faith by sharing your faith in some way. Whether through a card, gift or conversation this bold step, when shared in love, could be just the blessing those you come across need.