**Sermon Notes – Sunday 26th November 2023**

**Handling Money and Wealth**

**Matthew 6 v 19-24**

1. What kind of things do you think comprise ‘treasure in heaven’? How do we ‘store them up’?
2. Jesus often warns about the danger of seeking or having many possessions e.g. ‘It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ (Mark 10 v 25) Why does Jesus see many possessions as a danger or a hindrance to the spiritual life?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to choose between God and money or that God was asking you to make a financial sacrifice? How did you handle it?
4. John Wesley said ‘Earn as much as you can, give as much as you can, save as much as you can?’ Do you think that is helpful and if so, why?
5. What advice about handling money have you found helpful in life from the Bible and elsewhere? Are there any particular lessons you have learned?
6. What does it mean to see ourselves as stewards rather than owners of our wealth and possessions? What can that mean in practice?
7. What was your reaction to the story of Chuck Feeny, who gave away his fortune over the last 20 years of his life? We, of course, don’t have the same kind of wealth but what can we take of his encouragement to ‘Give while you live’?