SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre



A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW COMMUNITY

Welcome to Church@TheGreen, a new church for the new community of Arborfield Green established by the existing Churches of Arborfield and Barkham. At the heart of our church family life is a trust in the living God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and who still speaks to us through his Word, the Bible.

We are so happy to be back together in person, even if things are a bit different to what we're used to. There is no singing during the service at the moment, but feel free to read and reflect on the words or hum along if you like. If you are visiting us, please fill in a visitor form (for the purposes of track and trace) and do introduce yourself to Piers (Minister) or Phil (Ministry Trainee)

We are continuing our series in Matthew's gospel today. Piers will be speaking on chapter 15 and we will have a family, all-aged, focus based on the passage too.

As we adjust to meeting in person again, please pay attention to the safety measures in place and if you have any questions, do let Piers or Phil know.

WELCOME – Carolyn Bickersteth

Creed

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles; this we have received, and this we believe.

Song

No one is good No one is holy before God. I need someone to cleanse me. No one is pure No one is righteous in Your sight. I need someone to save me. But I'm so glad You died and rose again for helpless sinners like me.

What a mighty, mighty, Saviour You are. What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are. You can wash away my sin. You can change my heart within. What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are.

Family Focus – Harriet Algeo

Reading – Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

²⁶ He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

 $^{\rm 27}$ 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Sermon – Piers Bickesteth

Sin is too strong for me to conquer on my own. I need someone to help me. I am too weak. I cannot change my evil heart. I need someone to save me. But I'm so glad You died and rose again for helpless sinners like me.

What a mighty, mighty, Saviour You are

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God of grace, amazing wonder, Irresistible and free. Oh, the miracle of mercy; Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, As my God restores my soul: His own blood has paid my ransom; Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me Long before the world began; Sent my Saviour down from heaven: Perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me, As I lean on Him alone.

Prayers

Closing Prayer

Please stay seated after the service until told. This will help us maintain spacing as we leave the building. Please head to the car park promptly to avoid blocking any walkways

Please take your service sheet home with you

Thank you!

God of grace, I stand astounded, Cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded And my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, Where one day I'll see Your face; And forever I'll adore You In Your everlasting grace.

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