

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

*4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre*



**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).

We are continuing our series on the life of Jesus in Matthew's gospel. Piers will be speaking on Matthew 16:13-20.

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 know.

**Welcome – Joël Carle**

**The Supremacy of the Son of God** from Colossians 1

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

<sup>16</sup> **For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup> **And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

<sup>20</sup> **and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

**Amen**

## Song

Your glorious cause, O God,  
Engages our hearts,  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves,  
But for Your renown,  
The cross has saved us so we pray,  
'Your kingdom come'.

*Let Your kingdom come,  
Let Your will be done,  
So that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard,  
Everywhere on earth,  
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God,  
And courage to speak,  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak.  
Lord use us as You want,  
Whatever the test,  
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till  
Our dying breath.

*Let Your kingdom come,...*

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## Confession

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Reading – Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

<sup>14</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

<sup>15</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## Sermon – Piers Bickersteth

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen

### Prayers

### Song

Thank You for saving me;  
What can I say?  
You are my everything,  
I will sing Your praise.  
You shed Your blood for me;  
What can I say?  
You took my sin and shame,  
A sinner called by name.

*Great is the Lord.*  
*Great is the Lord.*  
*For we know Your truth has set us free;*  
*You've set Your hope in me.*

Mercy and grace are mine,  
Forgiven is my sin;  
Jesus, my only hope,  
The Saviour of the world.  
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;  
God, let Your kingdom come.  
Your word has let me see,  
Thank You for saving me.

*Great is the Lord....*

Martin Smith  
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**Please stay seated after the service until told. This will help us  
maintain spacing as we leave the building. Please head to the car  
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**Please take your service sheet home with you**

**Thank you!**

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