

Sunday 8th November 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 taking a short interval from our series in Matthew to have a Sunday focusing on World Mission with Nick and Harriet Algeo speaking about their work and experience in The Gambia, and Nick will preach on Jonah 3:10-4:11.

WELCOME – Piers Bickersteth

Confession

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way**

- Isaiah 53:6

**But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.**

I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord'.

- Jonah 2

Song

Jesus has risen
He has been given
All authority to rule the world
No-one is higher
Than the Messiah
God has made him Lord, the Lord of all!

*Jesus Christ the risen King
Is calling us, is sending us to go
Go and make disciples
Go to all the world
Tell them what the Lord has said
He is with us now
Till the very end*

New sons and daughters
Wash them with water
In the name of Father, Spirit, Son
We take salvation
To every nation
Worshiping the Lord, the Lord who
saves!

Jesus Christ the risen King...

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Song

We're starting here where we live
We're going out in his power
We're not ashamed - the gospel saves
We're spreading out in this land
We join in prayer for the world
We're speaking up till Jesus comes

Teach them his sayings
So they're obeying
Everything that he commanded you
No-one is higher
Than the Messiah
God has made him Lord, the Lord of all!

Go and make disciples...

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Reading – *Jonah 3:10 - 4:11*

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

4 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, 'Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.'

⁴ But the LORD replied, 'Is it right for you to be angry?'

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, 'It would be better for me to die than to live.'

⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?'

'It is,' he said. 'And I'm so angry I wish I were dead.'

¹⁰ But the LORD said, 'You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?'

Sermon – Nick Algeo

Song

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

We go to all the world...

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

We go to all the world...

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Thinking Missionally – Harriet Algeo

Prayers

Psalm 117

- ¹ Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.**
- ² For great is his love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord.**

