

Sunday 13th December 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) or Phil (Ministry Trainee).

We are continuing our advent series in John's prologue (John 1:1-18), and today we'll be focusing on verse 4-11, which Piers will be speaking on. 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 – Theresa Swan

Song

Guess what happened long ago?
In a stable Christ was born.
Precious Saviour, Holy One.
Come to show us God's deep love.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth, peace to all,
Who by the Son are blessed.*

Guess what happened that same night?
Shepherds saw a light so bright
Angels singing their delight:
Christ is born this holy night.

Guess what happened later on?
Wise men came to see God's Son.
Bringing gold to the child King
They bowed down and worshipped Him.

Glory to God, Glory to God...

Guess what happened at the end?
Jesus died and rose again.
By His death our sin is cleansed.
Precious Saviour, special friend.

Glory to God, Glory to God...

Prayers

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**

Notices

Primary-aged children to groups

Reading – John 1:1-11

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^(a) it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Sermon – Piers Bickersteth

Song

O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be
This, the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

Prepare Him room...

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock, don't say there's no
room in the inn
Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names!

Prepare Him room...

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!

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