

Sunday 25th April 2021
4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre



Welcome to Church@TheGreen. We are 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. 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).

Today, as we our children return to their groups (ages 5 and up) we Piers will be speaking on the great commandment of Deuteronomy 6 and how we raise our children. After the sermon, we will sing our final song outdoors. Please do stick around after the service as under current guidance we are allowed to talk in small groups of no more than 6.

Welcome – Ed Clark

Song

Sister, let me wipe your tears
Brother, let me bear your fears
Come on, every daughter, every son
Let us walk in love for we are one

Though we walk a long and broken road
We are here to bear each other's load
And forgive as You've forgiven us
Let us walk in love for we are one

*We are one in the Father's love
We of every tribe and every tongue
We are found in the risen Son
We are bound together by His blood
Let us walk in love for we are one*

There's a love that conquers all divides
There's a love that paid the greatest price
For the battle over death is won
Now alive in Christ we live as one

We are one in the Father's love...

On the day You come to call us home
With the multitude before the throne
Now with all the saints who've overcome
For eternity we'll sing as one

We are one in the Father's love...

Creed

**Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
By him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
thrones, powers, rulers and authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.
He is before all things
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the Church;
he is the beginning,
and the firstborn from the dead.**

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Prayers

Shoots leave for their group (Ages 5-10)

Reading – Deuteronomy 6:1-7

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Sermon – Piers Bickersteth

Saplings leave for their group (School years 5 and up)

Creed

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your name.
Amen

Song

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome
wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to
Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to
Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest
glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze;

Then sings my soul ...

And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart;
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God, how great
Thou art.

SERMON NOTES