

Sunday 23rd May 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, we continue our series in 1 Thessalonians with Phil speaking on the the next part of chapter 2. There will be children's groups for ages 5 and up and a self-service creche (up to five adults) in the office block. 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 – James Carpenter

Song

Hold the power of the universe in your hand
Hold the words that shaped the sky and sea
and land
The King has given words to us, to tell us
what he's like
Open up your ears and let his Spirit strike

It's a light and a hammer
It's a fire and a sword
It's the voice of our Father
The word of the Lord
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul
And God will use it to make us whole

Hear the news of the promised king who
came to save
Hear the news of Jesus who rose from the
grave
Our King has come to live on earth and
rescue us from sin
Open up your mind and let his Spirit in

It's a light and a hammer ...

Know the name of Jesus Christ that makes us
new
Know the Son of God, the Word whose word
is true
Our King has spoken to us, so there is no
place for pride
He gives hearts of flesh and changes us inside

It's a light and a hammer...

Shoots leave for their group (Ages 5-10)

Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. ¹⁴ For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews ¹⁵ who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone ¹⁶ in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

Sermon – Phil Rowlandson

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

Creed

**We believe in the Gospel,
promised by God long ago
through the prophets,
written in the Holy Scriptures.
We believe in God's Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ:
as to his humanity,
born a descendant of David;
as to his divinity,
shown with great power
to be the Son of God
by his raising from death. Amen.**

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

Song

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and
death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise...

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