

**Sunday 30th 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 is an all-age service so there will be no children's groups. Do feel free to stay after the service and talk in groups of up to 6 or two households.

**Welcome – Joël Carle**

**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  
Is calling us, is sending us to go

*Go and make disciples...*

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...*

## **Confession**

**Heavenly Father,  
please forgive us:  
for not loving you with all our hearts,  
and not loving others as ourselves.  
Thank you that you forgive us because of  
Jesus.  
Help us be more like Him in how we love  
you and others,  
today and always.  
Amen.**

**Talk – *Phil Rowlandson***

### **Reading – *1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 & 2:13-16***

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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 <sup>15</sup>who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone <sup>16</sup>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.

**Talk – *Phil Rowlandson***

## **Prayers**

## Song

No one is good  
No one is holy before God.  
I need someone to cleanse me.  
No one is pure  
No one is righteous in Your sight.  
I need someone to save me.  
But I'm so glad You died and rose again  
for helpless sinners like me.

*What a mighty, mighty, Saviour You are.  
What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are.  
You can wash away my sin.  
You can change my heart within.  
What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are.*

Sin is too strong  
for me to conquer on my own.  
I need someone to help me.  
I am too weak.  
I cannot change my evil heart.  
I need someone to save me.  
But I'm so glad You died and rose again  
for helpless sinners like me.

*What a mighty, mighty, Saviour You are....*

Mark Altrogge  
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## Song

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless  
peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine,  
I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won,  
and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been  
paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my  
pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the  
grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released,  
I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me  
home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**SERMON NOTES**