

**Sunday 6th June 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).

This Sunday is the Lords Supper. Saplings are staying with us for the service. Piers will be continuing the series on 1 Thessalonians. Do feel free to stay after the service and talk in groups of up to 6 or two households.



**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!**

**Creed**

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| Do you believe and trust in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty,** **creator of heaven and earth.**  Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,** **who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,** **born of the Virgin Mary,** **suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  **was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.** | **On the third day he rose again;** **he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,** **and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  **I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic church,** **the communion of the saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,** **the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting.** |

**Welcome –** *Theresa Swan*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10

17But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. 18For we wanted to come to you – certainly I, Paul, did, again and again – but Satan blocked our way. 19For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? 20Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

3 So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. 2We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God’s service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. 4In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. 5For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.

6But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. 7Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. 8For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. 9How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

**Shoots to leave for groups** *(ages 5-10yrs)*

**Prayers**

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| **The Lords 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** |  |

**Sermon – Piers Bickersteth**

**Song**

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| What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.  Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  Praise the Lord... | What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  Praise the Lord...  Matt Papa & Matt Boswell  Copyright © 2016 Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) |

**The Lords Supper**

*Summary of the Law:*

In Mark 12 our Lord Jesus Christ said

The first commandment is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,  
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**

***SERMON NOTES***

**Song**

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| When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold Through life’s fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast  He will hold me fastHe will hold me fastFor my Saviour loves me soHe will hold me fast  Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast He’ll not let my soul be lost His promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast  He will hold me fast... | For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight When he comes at last  He will hold me fast...  He will hold me fast...  Ada Ruth Habershone  Copyright © 2013 Matthew Merker Music Getty Publishing |  |

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**