

Sunday 20th 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).

Today, Piers is continuing our series in 1 Thessalonians. There are children's groups for ages 5-14 and a self service creche for those under 5. Do feel free to stay after the service and talk in groups of up to 6 or two households.

Welcome – Piers Bickersteth

Psalm 119:9-16

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

- ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.**
- ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.**
- ¹² Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.**
- ¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.**
- ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.**
- ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.**
- ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.**

Creed

God is good

All the time

All the time

God is good, for that is His nature. Wow!

Shoots leave for their group (*Ages 5-10*)

Reading – *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8*

4 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. **2** For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, **5** not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; **6** and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. **7** For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. **8** Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Sermon – *Piers Bickersteth*

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

Song

Depth of Mercy, can there be
Mercy reaching even me?
God, the Just, His wrath forbears:
Me, the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
From His kind and perfect ways,
Making clear my desp'rate need
For His blood, poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own
All the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore,
Look to you and sin no more.
There for me the Saviour stands,
Holding forth His wounded hands;
Scars which ever cry for me,
Once condemned, but now set free.

Prayers

Song

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude:
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your
ways.

May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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