

Sunday 4th July 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).

Today is an all-age service and the children will remain in the main meeting. There will still be a self-service creche if needed. Please do feel free to chat after the service in small groups and maintaining social distance.

Welcome – Piers Bickersteth

Isaiah 44:6-8

‘This is what the LORD says –
Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come –
yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.’

Pleasing God – Piers Bickersteth

‘Live in order to please God’ 1 Thessalonians 4:1

Song

Every day's a good day to pray to Jesus	Every day's a good day to love each other
Every day's a good day to read His word	Every day's a good day to tell our friends
Every day's a good day to trust the Saviour	That Jesus wants everyone to trust in Him
Every day's a good day to thank the Lord	'Cause he's going to come back to earth again
Every day's a good day to remember That Jesus died on the cross for us	Every day's a good day to pray to Jesus
Every day's a good day to know He rose again	Every day's a good day to read His word
Every day's a good day to praise His love	Every day's a good day to trust the Saviour
	Every day's a good day to thank the Lord

Reading – *Matthew 6:24-27*

²⁴ 'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Pleasing God by Believing in Jesus – *Piers Bickersteth*

'We believe that Jesus died and rose again' 1 Thessalonians 4:14

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

Prayers

Song

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to Him

For the Lord is good and faithful...

Jesus said, if I am lost
He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross
He will come to me

For the Lord is good and faithful...

Pleasing God by Preparing for Jesus' Return – Piers Bickersteth

'Wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead' - 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Song

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace:
Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
Strength, thanks and honour are
To God, our King who reigns on high
Forever more.*

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honour Him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
As thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:
We'll reign with Him.

Hear heaven's voices sing,...

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Final prayer from 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage our hearts and strengthen us in every good deed and word.

Amen

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