

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 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 finish our summer series on prayer as Piers will preach on persevering in prayer. We also will be celebrating Tally Green's baptism. There are no children's groups over the summer, but there is a self-service creche for under 5s which the sermon will be streamed into. **We are singing indoors with masks on, but masks can be removed during the reading and sermon.**

## Welcome – *Joël Carle*

### Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is our health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
Brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;  
Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All you have needed has been  
Met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love does befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen!"  
Sound from his people again--  
Gladly with praise we adore him!

**Family Focus: Baptism Pt. 2 – *Piers Bickersteth***

## Confession

Father,  
we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Baptism of Talitha Green

### Song

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!  
(Repeat)

*The Name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into it,  
And they are saved.  
(Repeat)*

Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High!

*The Name of the Lord is a strong tower...*

Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High!

*The Name of the Lord is a strong tower...*

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### Reading – Luke 18:1-8

### Sermon: Persevering in Prayer– Piers Bickersteth

## 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

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## **SERMON NOTES**

### **Always pray, don't give up!**

Who? A heavenly Father - perfect, good and wants the best for us

What? The Lord's prayer - His provision, His peace and His protection

How? Humbly, whenever, wherever, whatever

Why? Because He hears us and uses our prayers

### **Always pray, don't give up**

What will help?

- 1.Exercise
- 2.Time
- 3.Train
- 4.Speak
- 5.Share
- 6.Start

*'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?' Luke 18:8*

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