

**5th September 2021**

*4:00pm, Arborfield 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 do introduce yourself to Piers (Minister).

Today we begin a new series from Matthew’s gospel. We will also be celebrating The Lord’s Prayer. Children’s groups will start next week but there is a self-service creche for the under 5s. **We are singing indoors with masks on, but masks can be removed during the reading and sermon.**



**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!**

**Song**

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| 1.You're the Word of God the Father,From before the world began;Every star and every planetHas been fashioned by Your hand.All creation holds togetherBy the power of Your voice:Let the skies declare Your glory,Let the land and seas rejoice!*You're the Author of creation,You're the Lord of every man;And Your cry of love rings outAcross the lands.*2. Yet You left the gaze of angels,Came to seek and save the lost,And exchanged the joy of heavenFor the anguish of a cross.With a prayer You fed the hungry,With a word You stilled the sea;Yet how silently You sufferedThat the guilty may go free.You're the Author of creation... | 3. With a shout You rose victorious,Wresting victory from the grave,And ascended into heavenLeading captives in Your wake.Now You stand before the FatherInterceding for Your own.From each tribe and tongue and nationYou are leading sinners home.You're the Author of creation... |

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 **Welcome –** *Carolyn Bickersteth*

**Song**

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| 1. O Lord, my Rock and my RedeemerGreatest treasure of my longing soulMy God, like You there is no otherTrue delight is found in You aloneYour grace, a well too deep to fathomYour love exceeds the heavens’ reachYour truth, a fount of perfect wisdomMy highest good and my unending need | 2. O Lord, my Rock and my RedeemerStrong defender of my weary heartMy sword to fight the cruel deceiverAnd my shield against his hateful dartsMy song when enemies surround meMy hope when tides of sorrow riseMy joy when trials are aboundingYour faithfulness, my refuge in the night |
|  | 3. O Lord, my Rock and my RedeemerGracious Savior of my ruined lifeMy guilt and cross laid on Your shouldersIn my place You suffered bled and diedYou rose, the grave and death are conqueredYou broke my bonds of sin and shameO Lord, my Rock and my RedeemerMay all my days bring glory to Your Name |

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**Prayers –** *Izzy Green*

**Sermon –** *Piers Bickersteth*

**Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:1-9 p187 Charlotte Wilde

**Family Focus - Bible**

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.

\*catholic; refers to the universal world-wide church

**Creed**

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.

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the holy catholic\* church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

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**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**

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**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**

**Song**

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| 1. Behold the power of his word:He spoke – creation came to be;I will trust his promise.He hung the stars – a guarantee:His word is strong enough for me;I will trust his promise.Generations rise, generations fallBut his word is living,And his word is sureEvermore, evermore, evermore2. There is salvation in his word:His voice has called us from the grave;I will trust his promise.We are surrounded by his graceHere in the midst of those he’s saved;I will trust his promise.Generations rise, generations fall... | Our eyes have seenOur ears have heardWe are a witness toThe power of your wordSo we will tellYour promises are goodIn Jesus Christ we haveYour every word fulfilledOur eyes have seen...Generations rise, generations fall... |

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