

**12th 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 Ed Clarke or James Carpenter, two of our Elders.

We welcome Andy Kearns from Arborfield who will be starting us on a new series in Matthew’s gospel, chapter 19-25. Children’s groups will start today and 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!**

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3. 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.

4. 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!

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**Song**

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1 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.

2. 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.

**Welcome –** *Ed Clarke*

**Life Together**

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

**Confession**

Our Father in heaven,  
we have sinned against You, we have disobeyed and ignored You;  
please forgive us the wrongs we have done -  
for being selfish and greedy, for bad temper and angry words,  
we are sorry.  
For hurting others, for lies we have told,  
for things we have stolen, for the wrong in our hearts,  
we are sorry.  
For not trying to please You, for not helping others,  
we are sorry.  
Please forgive us through your Son Jesus Christ who died for our sin.  
help us to live lives which please You.  
Amen.

**Prayers**: Alyssa Carpenter

**Reading:** Matthew 19:1-15 - page 986 - Jane Musyoki

**Sermon**: Andy Kearns

**Children's Groups:** Shoots (Reception - year 5) & Saplings (Year 6-9)

**Song**

Hold the power of the universe in your hand  
Hold the words that shaped the sky and sea and land  
The King has given words to us, to tell us what he's like  
Open up your ears and let his Spirit strike

It's a light and a hammer  
It's a fire and a sword  
It's the voice of our Father  
The word of the Lord  
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul  
And God will use it to make us whole

Hear the news of the promised king who came to save  
Hear the news of Jesus who rose from the grave  
Our King has come to live on earth and rescue us from sin  
Open up your mind and let his Spirit in

Know the name of Jesus Christ that makes us new  
Know the Son of God, the Word whose word is true  
Our King has spoken to us, so there is no place for pride  
He gives hearts of flesh and changes us inside

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**Song**

Be Thou my vision, O lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might.  
Be my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:  
Raise Thou me Heavenwards, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, when the battle is done,  
Grant Heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun.  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, thou ruler of all.

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***SERMON NOTES***