

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

*4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre*



**Welcome to Church@TheGreen**, 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.

We are so happy to be back together in person, even if things are a bit different to what we're used to. There is no singing during the service at the moment, but feel free to read and reflect on the words or hum along if you like. 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).

We are starting a new series looking at John's prologue (John 1:1-18), and today we'll be focusing on verse 1-4, which Phil will be speaking on. As we adjust to meeting in person again, please pay attention to the safety measures in place and if you have any questions, do let Piers or Phil know.

**WELCOME – *Piers Bickersteth***

## **Psalm 33**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**
- <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skilfully, and shout for joy.**
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.**
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.**
- <sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.**
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the people of the world revere him.**
- <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

## Song

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 fall  
But his word is living,  
And his word is sure  
Evermore, evermore, evermore*

There is salvation in his word:  
His voice has called us from the grave;  
I will trust his promise.  
We are surrounded by his grace  
Here in the midst of those he's saved;  
I will trust his promise.

*Generations rise, generations fall...*

Our eyes have seen  
Our ears have heard  
We are a witness to  
The power of your word  
So we will tell  
Your promises are good  
In Jesus Christ we have  
Your every word fulfilled

*Generations rise, generations fall...*

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## Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
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**

## Prayers

**Primary-aged children to groups**

## Reading – John 1:1-4

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

## Reading – Colossians 1:15-20

**15** The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## Sermon – Phil Rowlandson

### Song

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By 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 out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,...*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,...*

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