

Sunday 27th June 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, Phil is continuing our series in 1 Thessalonians. There are children's groups for ages 5-14 and a self-service creche for those under 5. Do feel free to stay after the service and talk in groups of up to 6 or two households.

Welcome – Carolyn Bickersteth

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.

Song

*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And he holds us in his hands.
(repeat)*

He's higher than a sky-scraper,
And he's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan.

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Shoots leave for their group (Ages 5-10)

Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Page 1187

Sermon – Phil Rowlandson

Saplings leave for their group (School years 5 and up)

Song

We are his kingdom, we are his bride
For us he paid the price
For us he bled and died
We are his people, his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin
For he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted, now we are his

*So we declare the praises,
Of Jesus, Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone, Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory,
Hallelujah*

We are a priesthood, beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation, now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted, now we are his

So we declare the praises,...

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God at Work

Prayers

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

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been
paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the
grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me
home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

SERMON NOTES