

Sunday 1st 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 begin a new series on prayer with Neil from Arborfield kicking us off on why we pray. After the sermon we will share in the Lords Supper. There are no children's groups over the summer, but there is a self-service creche for under 5s. **We will be singing indoors this week with masks on, but masks can be removed during the sermon.**

Welcome – Piers Bickersteth

Song

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze;

Then sings my soul ...

And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart;
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou
art.

Family Focus – Phil Rowlandson

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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Creed

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles;
this we have received, and this we believe.
Amen**

Reading – Matthew 7:7-11, page 971

Sermon: Why Pray? – Neil Jeffers

Prayers

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

Now why this fear and unbelief?
Has not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for us?
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Now cancelled at the cross?

*Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood
Jesus, You've rescued us
Through Your great love*

Complete atonement You have made
And by Your death have fully paid
The debt Your people owed
No wrath remains for us to face
We're sheltered by Your saving grace
And sprinkled with Your blood

Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood...

How sweet the sound of saving grace
How sweet the sound of saving grace
Christ died for me

Be still my soul and know this peace
The merits of your great high priest
Have bought your liberty
Rely then on His precious blood
Don't fear your banishment from God
Since Jesus sets you free

Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood...

SERMON NOTES