

Sunday 8th 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 continue our summer series on prayer with Phil looking at Jesus' teaching on who to pray to and what to pray. There are no children's groups over the summer, but there is a self-service creche for under 5s. **We are singing indoors with masks on, but masks can be removed during the reading and sermon.**

Welcome – Piers Bickersteth

Song

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!...

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah!...

Family Focus: Baptism – Piers Bickersteth

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**

Baptism of Olive Algeo

Song

Every day's a good day to pray to Jesus
Every day's a good day to read His word
Every day's a good day to trust the Saviour
Every day's a good day to thank the Lord

Every day's a good day to remember
That Jesus died on the cross for us
Every day's a good day to know He rose
again
Every day's a good day to praise His love

Every day's a good day to love each other
Every day's a good day to tell our friends
That Jesus wants everyone to trust in Him
'Cause he's going to come back to earth
again

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Reading – Luke 15:11-24, page 1049

Reading – Matthew 6:9-13, page 971

Sermon: Who do we pray to and what do we pray? – Phil Rowlandson

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

Prayers

Song

Your glorious cause, O God,
Engages our hearts,
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves,
But for Your renown,
The cross has saved us so we pray,
'Your kingdom come'.

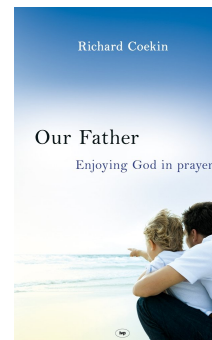
*Let Your kingdom come,
Let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard,
Everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
Let Your kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God,
And courage to speak,
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want,
Whatever the test,
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till
Our dying breath.

Let Your kingdom come,...

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SERMON NOTES



Our Father: Enjoying God in Prayer – Richard Coekin

This excellent, easy to read book breaks down the Lord's prayer section by section (even word by word at points!) and is a brilliant guide for how we can pray the Lord's Prayer and understand what it means. It follows the threads of the Lord's Prayer through scripture and each chapter ends with a practical example of what praying the Lord's Prayer could look like.

Available for £6.89 at thegoodbook.co.uk