

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 (Assistant Minister).

We continue our series in Matthew's Gospel as Piers comes to preach. We have children's groups for ages 5-14 and there is a self-service creche for under 5s which the sermon will be streamed into. **We are singing indoors with masks on, but masks can be removed when sat.**

**Welcome – Joël Carle**

## Song

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## **The Commandments from Exodus 20**

God spoke all these words saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**You shall have no gods other than me.**

**You shall not make for yourself an idol**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God**

**Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.**

**Honour your father and your mother**

**You shall not commit murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.**

**You shall not covet**

*Lord, have mercy on us, and write all these your laws on our hearts, we pray.*

## **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**

## **Children leave for their groups:**

*Shoots (Ages 5-10) and Saplings (Ages 10-14)*

## **God at Work – Keith Tokeley**

## Song

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast  
*He will hold me fast...*

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When he comes at last

*He will hold me fast...*

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## Prayers

### Reading – Matthew 19:16-30; Page 986

### Sermon - Piers Bickersteth

## Song

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say to you than He has  
said,  
You who, unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home or abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As days may demand, shall your strength ever  
be.

"Fear not, I am with you, O, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to  
stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall  
lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to  
refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I cannot desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to  
shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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## ***SERMON NOTES***

### **How to enter the kingdom**

- It is impossible for anyone to be good enough to gain eternal life
  - God makes the impossible possible through the gift of His Son
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