

**Sunday 24th February 2019**

**10.30am - Morning Service**

**Service leader Steve Ansell**

**Speaker Steve Ansell**

**Lead Musician Jo Pires**

**5.30pm - Rose Garden Church**

**Thought for the Week**

At the cross a world of sin is absorbed by the love of God and recycled into grace and mercy. This is what the cross is about! This is what Christianity reveals. Christianity is not about success-in-life sermons where we learn to be “winners” in the competitive game of life.

Life is not a game, life is a gift. Life is not about competition, life is about love. Life is not about winning the game, getting to the top, coming in first—that’s the old world of Cain and Pharaoh and Caesar. The world of cold-blooded competition is the world that kills Christ. In his defining moment Jesus shames the way of Cain, Pharaoh, and Caesar. At the cross Jesus reveals that life is about learning to love, even if you have to die to do it, because you know that beyond death is the love of the Father and resurrection of the dead. This is the cross. This is Christianity.

*Brian Zahnd - Water to Wine*

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A very warm welcome to everyone visiting our church today. It's really great that you're here this morning and we hope that you enjoy today's service. We would love to get to know you better, so please join us after the service for tea and coffee and if you are able.

### **For Your Prayers**

Give thanks that Heather C has her last chemo session this coming Thursday. Pray for a good outcome with no complications so she can enjoy a time of respite before radiotherapy. May the family have some peace, Ian, Ed and Theo. Remember Theo studying for his GCSEs.

Pray for Sarah L requiring further dental appointments to ensure she has a comfortable set of teeth. We take our teeth for granted and eating without them is a trial though Sarah noticeably never complains.

Pray for Niels, now in Ross, who feels stuck in pain and immobility but has the faith to say.. what I can do is pray. Join his prayers to our Father for his healing and peace. Pray for Carole to have the energy to support Niels by visiting and to have the wisdom to rest too.

Pray for Sarah continuing to recover after eye surgery.....

As a church fellowship thinking about forgiveness, let us ask ourselves:

are we loving in our motives, thoughts, words and actions in how we deal with conflict?

are we brave in taking the initiative toward reconciliation = are we forgiving?

are we bringing glory to God?

Pray that this will be true of all of us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Bring and Share Lunch**

Please join us for lunch on Sunday 03rd March.

Just bring some food, AND a drink, and enjoy the fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

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## What's On This Week

### Monday

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9.45am-11.15am	Women's Study Group	Middle Hall
12pm-2.30pm	Private booking	Middle Hall
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome	Middle hall

### Tuesday

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9am	Tuesday Breakfast Club	Rear Hall
12pm-2.30pm	Private booking	Middle Hall
7.30pm	Small Group	Gaster's

### Wednesday

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10am	Tot Stop	
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>John Faulkner 'Musical Appreciation - Composers 1930-1960'</i>	Rear Hall
11.30am	Hymn Singing	Charles Court
5.30pm	Youth	

### Thursday

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12pm	Silver Diners	Rear Hall
2pm-3.30pm	Room Booking	Middle Hall
7.30pm	Activate Fitness	Rear Hall
7.30pm	Musicians Practice	Sanctuary
7.30pm	Small Group	Kings Acre

### Friday

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10.15-11.15am	StarFish-Mums and Tots exercise class	Sanctuary
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### Sunday

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Midnight	Night Shift	Foyer
10.30am	All Age Service	Sanctuary
12.30pm	Bring and Share Lunch	Rear Hall
5.30pm	Rose Garden Church	Rose Garden

### BMS Birthdays

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6th	Ann Grace
9th	Catherine Young
29th	Heather Davis
29th	Chris Tiffin
30th	Jill Merredith



Drawn by Sarah B during Andy Good's message, Sunday 10th February

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