

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.

Sunday 10th March 2019

10.30am - Morning service

Service leader Steve Ansell

Speaker Steve Ansell

Lead Musician Ian Burrell

4pm - Reflective Lent Communion

'Chosen, forgiven, forgiving....'

A reflection on Colossians 3:12-17 focussing on allowing Christ's peace to rule in our hearts so that church unity is maintained.

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the Week

In the pages of Scripture the desire for the afterlife does not involve gaining a kind of euphoria over troubles, exactly, but rather concerns the opportunity to be with God. The euphoria over troubles comes as an after thought, but it isn't the aim. The writers of the Bible seem to want to go and be with Christ the way the most and passionate lovers, when separated, desire their reunion.

Donald Miller - 'Searching for God knows what'

Today's Reading

Mark 4:35-5:20 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

^{5:1} They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." ¹³ He

gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

For Your Prayers

May Pam, Heather and Mark all be able to enjoy the Spring in the Lord as hurdles of treatment pass. May Niels and Carole see the way forward as Niels is still in Ross hospital. Developing a godly character can often only be gained by going through a trial. A godly character continuing to trust in the Lord brings much glory to Him and will stand the test of time.

Pray for international students visiting HBC next Saturday with Tim Baylis. May they sense the presence of Christ and may they ask questions. May we be ready to point them to Jesus.

Pray for each member of HBC to

know the grace of Jesus and peace as we forgive one another and progress to love. We need the Holy Spirit to enable us to do this in every area of our lives.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Col 3:15

Envelope Scheme - Gift Aid

Please would anyone wanting to change their way of giving or joining the envelope scheme contact me by 15th March.

Similarly if you would like to know more about gift aid please ask me, primarily, or one of the finance team. Thank you– Sheila Tandy.

Men @ HBC Movie Night "The Revenant"

Friday 15 March, 7pm, The film will start promptly at 7.30 p.m.

We will watch "The Revenant" together with drinks and snacks and then reflect on some of the issues in the film.

Church meeting

Our next Church meeting, including a special church meeting, will be held on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm.

Church meeting 18 March: Budget presentation

At the church meeting on 18 March there will be a presentation of the

budget for 2019/2020. In order to give members an opportunity to reflect on the budget before voting, an e-mail has been circulated to all church members (where we have an e-mail address) providing details of the budget. If you are not on e-mail or would like a hard copy of the budget, copies are available in the middle hall, members noticeboard.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the church meeting, but please do get in touch with Kate Bayliss if there's anything that you need to understand more or that you're concerned about.

Safeguarding Training

The Baptist Union (BU) requires that volunteers who work with children and young people, or with adults who are at risk of harm have BU accredited Safeguarding Level 2 Certificate. The certificate is valid for 3 years. If you have not done this training recently, please could you book on to our next training date: 13.4.19, 10am-1pm.

BMS Birthdays

29th	Heather Davis and Chris Tiffin
30th	Jill Merredith

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Please submit content for the newssheet to the church office before Thursday.

What's On This Week

Monday

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

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

Wednesday

10am	Tot Stop	
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club Bob Burson "The Colorado without a wheelchair"	Rear Hall
5.30pm - 9pm	Youth 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite	

Thursday

12pm	Silver Diners	Rear Hall
7.30pm	Small Group	Kings Acre
7.30pm	Activate Fitness	Rear Hall
7.30pm	Musicians Practice (Green Team)	Sanctuary

Friday

10.15-11.15am	StarFish-Mums and Tots exercise class	Sanctuary
7pm	Men's Movie Night	Middle Hall

Saturday

9.30am	Hiking Group	Car Park
10am - 3pm	Private Booking	Middle Hall/Ktichen

Sunday

Midnight	Night Shift	Foyer
10.30am	Communion Service	Sanctuary
5.30pm	Rose Garden Church	Rose Garden