

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 17th March 2019
10.30am - Morning service with Communion

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the Week

"Our culture diets on the candy of tolerance, but what it really craves is the meat of grace. Tolerance does not value people but simply puts up with their behaviour or beliefs. Tolerance alone cannot accommodate both justice and mercy—it can only look the other way. Tolerance might deal with differences, but it can't embrace us in full knowledge of sin and remove our guilt."

John Burke, No Perfect People Allowed: Creating a Come-as-You-Are Culture in the Church

Today's Reading

Mark 5:21-43 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live."²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸because she thought, "If I

just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³²But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

For Your Prayers

Jesus prays for us to be forgiven when he is being rejected by us. He cries out "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" when he bears our sin that means his Father has to be distant from him. Pray for those who have suffered rejection to know how much they are loved by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Remember God is with us always and may they know this in the depths of their being. May we learn to trust our Saviour with our feelings and know dependence on Him will never disappoint. Encourage one another

in love. Who could you speak too, ring or write to in order to demonstrate God's love?

Morag will be 90 on Tuesday 19th March. Give thanks for her faithful witness and may the Lord continue to bless her.

Pray for those known to you with mental health issues. Our Lord cares about our minds, our bodies and our spirit. Nothing is beyond his power to heal. Pray in faith.

Church meeting

Our next Church meeting, including a special church meeting, will be held on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm. Minutes are available in the middle hall, the meeting agenda has been emailed out. If you have not received a copy, please let the office know.

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.

Olympic bike design and the Christian Faith

Wellington Evangelical Church are hosting an evening with Stuart Burgess BSc, PhD, CEng, FIMechE.

Saturday 23rd March at 7pm. Flyers available in foyer.

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.

Easter Eggs

This year we will be collecting Easter eggs to give as a gift to those living in women's aid refuges across the city. We will need about 50 eggs. In order to ensure all are the same size, please could you provide a 'middle sized' egg (about 250g). Please bring any donations to Church by Palm Sunday.

Hereford Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support. (Some weeks we have to make two or three trips to load the goods into the car after the morning service!) The need is greater than ever – we have given out an average of 8 parcels per day since the start of this calendar year which is a lot of tins and packets.

Our present need is for tins of tomatoes, spaghetti, vegetables (especially carrots), packets of rice, Smash potatoes, UHT milk and small packs of sugar and coffee. If you do not want to carry goods to church donations of money are appreciated so we can buy fresh food. You can give this to me or put it in an envelope in the offering bag.

What's On This Week

Monday

9.45am-11.15am	Women's Study Group
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome
7.30pm	Church meeting

Tuesday

9am	Tuesday Breakfast Club
12pm-2.30pm	Private booking
7.30pm	Bartestree Small Group

Wednesday

10am	Tot Stop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Alan Lloyd 'Hergest Court'</i>
2pm	Hymn Singing at Oaklands
5.30pm - 9pm	Youth 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite
7.30pm	Aylestone/Tupsley Small Group

Thursday

12pm	Silver Diners
7.30pm	Activate Fitness
7.30pm	Musicians Practice (Green Team)

Friday

10.15-11.15am	StarFish-Mums and Tots exercise class
9am-1pm	Private booking - Rear Hall

Sunday

Midnight	Night Shift
10.30am	Morning Service
5.30pm	Rose Garden Church

BMS Birthdays

29th	Heather Davis and Chris Tiffin
30th	Jill Merredith

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