

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 if you are able.

Sunday 24th March 2019

10.30am - Morning Service

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the Week

Men turn to prayer in the extremity of their fears, or anxieties, or helplessness before the perils of their day, and of all human existence. But they also turn to prayer because of the almost universal and unquenchable yearning they have for God, and for that fullness of life to be found in knowing, loving and serving Him.

John L. Casteel, Rediscovering Prayer

Today's Reading

Psalm 51

For the director of music. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- ²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

- ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
- ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.
- ⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner
parts;
you teach me wisdom in the in-

most place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God, are **ba** a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

¹⁸In your good pleasure make Zion prosper, build up the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

For Your Prayers

We have 3 grieving families: Eileen S's son has died, Gary T's father and Yvonne W's mother. Each individual is unique no matter how related and loss is keenly felt. Pray for the Lord's comfort to be known. The Lord is good and loving and trustworthy and can handle pain taken to him.

Pray for God's leading next Saturday as Steve and the deacons meet to

think and pray over the future of HBC.

Niels is still in Ross with plans beginning to be made for him to return home. Pray that Carole will receive appropriate support and Niels will have strength to be able to be semi-independent.

Morag had a wonderful 90th birthday for which we give glory to God.

On Wednesday 14 March, Cyclone Idai

hit the city of Beira, Mozambique. Please join us in prayer for those affected.

Please pray especially for our local workers in and around Beira. Every one of them will have been affected and we are working hard to establish that all of them are safe.

Pray for all those in Beira, including BMS World Mission worker Carlos Tique Jone and his family. Pray that those who need help would receive it soon and that God would use his people to bring relief and help even now.

Pray for those who have lost family members and homes. Pray that God would bring them the help they need

and that we who have not been affected can find ways to be useful and merciful to them.

Pray for God to strengthen those helping and comfort those traumatised.

Pray for all BMS mission personnel and local workers, that they will be safe and be used by God in the lives of their community at this very difficult time.

Pray for the relief response following this tragedy. Pray that Beira will recover quickly.

Pray for a compassionate, sustainable and God-inspired response from the international community, including our community of churches.

Special Collection for Mozambique

For the next 2 Sundays we will have envelopes available for donations towards BMS specifically for the work in Mozambique.

Constitution

As agreed in the special church meeting 18th March 2019, there has been an update to 15.5 of the constitution. If you would like an updated copy contact the office.

Sermons

Past sermons are available on the HBC website in the resource area.

Men's Retreat Day

Saturday 6th April 2019. Once again we will be visiting the home of

Duncan Maclean for a day of themed teaching and quiet time space. Refreshments and hot lunch will be provided.

Cost £15. Please indicate your interest to Kevin or Ian or email mens@herefordbaptist.org.uk places are limited.

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 prove a 'middle sized' egg (about 250g). Please bring any donations to Church by Palm Sunday

What's On This Week

Monday

9.45am-11.15am	Women's Study Group at HBC
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10am	Tot Stop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Susan Grunzell "My walk from Lands End to John O'Groats"</i>
11.30am	Hymn Singing at Charles Court
5.30pm - 9pm	Youth 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite

Thursday

12pm	Silver Diners
7.30pm	Activate Fitness
7.30pm	Musicians Practice (Orange Team)
7.30pm	Small Group - Kings Acre

Friday

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

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

BMS Birthdays

29th	Chris Tiffin and Heather Davis
30th	Jill Merredith

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