

A very warm welcome to everyone visiting our church today. It's great that you're here this morning, 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 12th May 2019

10.30am - Morning Service

4pm Reflective Communion

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Today's Reading

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

The Supremacy of the Son of God
¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to

have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

John 14:5-14 (NIV)

Jesus the Way to the Father
⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe

me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Thought for the Week

To relegate Christianity to one chapter in a book of the world's religions is to Christian people intolerable. Jesus Christ to us is not one of many spiritual leaders in the history of the world. He is not one of Hinduism's 330 million gods. He is not one of the forty prophets recognised in the Qur'a. He is not even..."Jesus the Great", as you might say of Napoleon the Great or Alexander the Great... To us, he is the only. He is simply Jesus. Nothing could be added to that. He is unique. He has no peers, no rivals, no successors.

John Stott

For Your Prayers

Please pray for Rosie. May the surgery go ahead as planned with no complications. May all the family have peace. Pray for everyone waiting for surgery to know God's provision in the waiting.

Pray for attenders of Totstop to want

to join us on a Sunday. Several have requested prayers on their behalf. May they see the Lord answering these prayers. May God receive the glory.

Pray for the person in the church members' directory before your entry. Pray they may grow in faith and godly character and be a blessing to others.

Annual Church Meeting

HBC annual Church meeting will take place Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm. AGM booklets have been emailed to members, if you have not received one or would like a printed

copy, these are available in the middle hall after the service.

Christian Aid

Today is the beginning of Christian Aid Week. The gift envelopes are there for your generous gifts.

Christian Aid was founded in 1945, out of a desire for British and Irish Churches to help refugees who were in desperate need after WW II. Those at the start of our journey looked at the present reality and were dissatisfied. They decided to do something to bring about change for good for those who needed it the most. This has been our story for more than 70 years, as we have provided relief and long-term support for poor communities around the world, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice, and championing the rights of all people made in God's image. For greater detail and examples of our work see caid.org.uk'.

Hiking Group

A church hike is planned for Saturday 17th May. The hike, which is roughly 7 miles long, will start at Dorstone and go north to cross Merbach Hill and Bredwardine Hill and then south past Arthur's Stone ancient burial chamber. The route will be mainly on field paths and quiet lanes. The walk involves some moderate climbs, but general easy walking. There are some wonderfully varied views. Please wear a stout pair of boots. We will meet at the church at 9.30. Bring a packed lunch. Please contact David for more details.

Prayer Meetings -Easter to Pentecost

Prayer Meetings will be planned as below on the theme IN EARTH as in HEAVEN. From Ascension Day until Pentecost we will also have the

opportunity to link with the Ecumenical Initiative "THY KINGDOM COME" (Materials, Prayer prompts and Ideas will be available.)

May 13th - Thy Kingdom come – in earth as in heaven

May 20th - Thy will be done – in earth as in heaven

May 27th - Bank Holiday

May 30th - Ascension Day

"Thy Kingdom Come" begins.

MEN@HBC Upcoming Events

Sat 18 May - FA Cup Final Barbecue at Ian's house in Wellington, From 3.30 p.m., kick off at 5.00 p.m. Just bring something to put on the barbecue and something to drink.. PLEASE let Ian know by tomorrow if you intend to come.

Sat 1 June, 8.30am- Men's Breakfast at Wetherspoons.

Events are open to all men. For further information, or to "book in", contact Ian Burrell or Kevin Price or email mens@herefordbaptist.org.uk

Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way in making the Thanksgiving Service and refreshment provision for the life of Morag run so smoothly. So many people willingly did such a variety of tasks and the family members were really grateful for all that was done for them by our church.

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

Wednesday

10am	Tot Stop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Sarah Arrowsmith/Chris Pulling 'A virtual walk around the Mappa Mundi and chained library'</i>
5.30pm - 9pm	Youth 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite
7.30pm	Small Group - Aylestone hill/Tupsley

Thursday

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

Saturday

Hiking Group

Sunday

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

BMS Birthdays

22nd	Margaret Salmon
26th	Ian Burrell

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