

*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 5th May 2019**

10.30am - Morning Service

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

### **Thought for the Week**

A rule I have had for years is: to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed, a mere doctrine, but it is He Himself we have.

*DL Moody*

### **For Your Prayers**

Pray for our young people taking exams. Pray for enthusiasm to give of their best and the peace to know God is with them and for them.

Pray for Steve and Sarah to settle into their home. We give thanks to God for his provision.

Pray for Norah, Win and Margaret as

they are home bound. May they be inwardly free and enjoy fellowship.

Pray for Liz and Sergio and all in Mozambique as they recover after the cyclone. May God's work continue.

Be thankful for work – God created us for good works – may we glorify him in every aspect of our lives.

## Today's Reading

### Mark 7:1-23 (NIV)

#### That Which Defiles

<sup>7</sup>The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup>and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

<sup>6</sup>He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honour me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

<sup>8</sup>You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

<sup>9</sup>And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of

God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honour your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup>Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

<sup>14</sup>Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup>Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

<sup>17</sup>After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup>"Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them?<sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

<sup>20</sup>He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

## **Christian Aid**

On the evening of Saturday May 11th Hampton Park URC are hosting a concert at which musicians from several Hereford churches will entertain. It will be a mixture of music from 'Flanders and Swan' to items by some of the Cathedral choristers.

Please spread the word as we are hoping for a good audience. There will be 'nibbles' from 6.30 pm and the concert will begin at 7pm. Emma Rockey from the Birmingham Christian Aid Office will talk briefly about the work of Christian Aid. There is no charge for entry – but generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

## **Mission to Ivory Coast.**

Jess Saunders, who many of you know, is volunteering this summer with United for Mission (UFM) to work at a Children's Camp in Tabou,

She is currently raising funds for this mission work and invites you to a cream tea at Mellington House in Weobley on Sunday May 12th from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

If you are able to come, please could you let us know on 01544 318537 or via email [canda3025@gmail.com](mailto:canda3025@gmail.com) so that we have an idea of numbers.

## **Annual Church Meeting**

HBC annual Church meeting will take place Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm. AGM booklets will be made available 2 weeks prior to this.

## **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.)

**April 29th** - Our Heavenly Father.  
Hallowed be thy Name – in earth as in heaven

**May 6th** - Bank Holiday

**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.

**June 3rd** - Forgiven and Forgiving – in earth as in heaven.

**June 9th** - PENTECOST - ALL ARE WELCOME

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## What's On This Week

### Monday

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9.45am-11.15am	Women's Study Group at HBC
12pm-2.30pm	Private Hire—Middle Hall
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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10am	Tot Stop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Mike Wilkes "British Wildlife - Here &amp; There"</i>
5.30pm - 9pm	Youth 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

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Midnight	Night Shift
10.30am	Morning Service
4pm	Reflective Communion
5.30pm	Rose Garden Church

### BMS Birthdays

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6th	Marilyn Welford
22nd	Margaret Salmon
26th	Ian Burrell

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