

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 January 2020

10.30am - All Age Service

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the week

Prayer should never be regarded as a science or reduced to a system - that ruins it, because it is essentially a living and personal relationship, which tends to become more personal and also more simple, as one goes on.

Evelyn Underhill, in Charles Williams, The letters of Evelyn Underhill

Today's Readings

Genesis 37:3-4 NIV

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Genesis 37:23-27 NIV

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

Genesis 45:1-8 NIV

Joseph Makes Himself Known

⁴⁵ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

For your prayers

Praise the Lord that new every morning are his mercies. We enter a new year with Emmanuel, God with us and for us. We have hope.

We pray for Neil H to fully recover. May Niels and Carole have a good year to come. May God bless the work in Mozambique via his servants there. Pray the Lord will bless others through our students who return to their places of study.

May God bless our city and may the people we know come to know our heavenly father for themselves. Holy Spirit please come and have your way.

Hereford Bible Society Action Group Parenting for Faith

Our next fundraising event is the annual coffee morning in St Peter's Church on Saturday 25th January 2020, 10am-12.30pm. Any gifts for the coffee morning can be given to Jill Meredith or brought on the day.

We will be running the parenting for faith course each Sunday during February and March, 8.30am-10am.

Childcare will be available for those wishing to attend. If you would like to book a place or would like more information please contact the office.

A Message from Sid and Jill

We wanted to say a very big thank you for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration so special. We were overwhelmed by the number of cards and good wishes we received. Thank you also for making our family and neighbours feel so welcome in Church.

Small Groups

Please check with your group leader to confirm when your group restarts.

If you are not in a small group and would like more information please contact the office.

What's on this week

Monday

6.30pm Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

Tuesday

9am Tuesday Breakfast Club

Wednesday

10am-11.45am TotStop

10.15am-12pm Wednesday Club - Open Morning

5.30pm-9pm Youth Group - *5.30pm food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite*

Thursday

7.30pm Musicians' practice

Noon-1pm
Saturday
Silver Diners

8.30am-5.30pm Private Booking - Large Hall

11.30pm-4am Lean on Me

Sunday

Midnight Night Shift

10.30am Morning Service

4pm Reflective Communion

5.30pm Rose Garden Church

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