

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 1st March 2020

10.30am - All Age Service

Followed by Bring and Share Lunch

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

For your prayers

We still hold Heather, Ian, Theo and Ed in our prayers for ongoing strength and comfort. May Heather appreciate pain relief and be able to return home. Pray for Brian and Mary's daughter-in-law to recover from the complications of major surgery. May Liz know the Lord is with her and for her.

Remember those with chronic conditions that hamper living life as they would wish. May they accept the circumstances and shine for Jesus in them.

Pray for those living with stress: this might be in relationships, working life or financially..... May they look to God for his leading and trust him to show the path.

Thank you Father that you are with us and we are safe in your hands. May we trust you and bring you glory as we seek to do your will with your enabling.

Today's Readings

John 3:1-8 ESV

You Must Be Born Again

³ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Acts 22:6-21 ESVUK

⁶ "As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. ⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting

me?' ⁸ And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' ⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.' ¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

¹² "And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

¹⁷ "When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about

me.’¹⁹ And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you.’²⁰ And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being

shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’²¹ And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

Thought for the week

How many times, Lord Jesus, have you renewed my nature! How many times have you saved me from the furnace of evil passions burning within me! O Lord, in truth there is no number and no measure of your mercies to me. May

I for my part be faithful to you. May I be humble, not proud; meek, not irritable; industrious, not lazy; merciful, not judgemental; generous, not mean; and obedient, not wilful.

John Sergieff 1829-1908

Easter outreach family event

We wanted to let you know that we will be hosting the annual Easter outreach family event.

Previously this has been named: Central Story in 2018 and His Story in 2019 And now this year will be called My Story

As always we are looking for a number of helpers to run the event, helping with things such as setting up, crafts, storytelling, refreshments etc

The event will take place on Wednesday 8th April 10-12pm

Please could you either let the office know or use the sign up sheet.

As always this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to share our faith and the true meaning of Easter with families in our community. Please support us if you can :) Lynette

Recycling

As part of our Easter event we will be doing the ‘Egg Run Challenge’. In order to do this, we need lots of recycling. If you have any dry clean recycling that we could use to create a run for the eggs please could you leave this in the box in the middle hall.

Wednesday Club

8th April No Meeting (because of Easter Outreach).

Cheques

If you give to HBC by cheque, Please can they be written in black or blue ink only, thank you.

Reflective Communion

Next Sunday at 4pm, there will be a Quiet, Reflective Holy Communion Service especially arranged for Lent, led by Lynne Davis, Angela and Jan Grzonka.

What's On This Week

Monday

9.45am	Women's Bible Study
12pm	Room Hire - Small Hall
5.30pm	Musicians Practice
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

Tuesday

9am	Tuesday Breakfast
7.30pm	Small Group - Bartestree

Wednesday

10-11.45am	TotStop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Andrew Wood 'Care within the home - Awareness of financial fraud'</i>
7.30pm	Small Group - Aylestone Hill/ Tupsley
5pm-9pm	<i>Youth Group - 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite</i>

Thursday

12pm	Silver Diners
7.30pm	Musicians Practice
7.30pm	Activate Ladies Fitness

Friday

7pm	Small Group - South Wye
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Saturday

10pm-4am	Lean on me
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Sunday

Midnight	Night Shift
8.30am	Parenting for Faith Course - Small Hall and Large Hall
10.30am	Morning Service
4pm	Reflective Communion
5.30pm	Rose Garden Church

BMS Birthdays March

Ann Grace	Catherine Young	Heather Davies	Chris Tiffin
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