

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 15th March 2020

10.30am - Morning Service with
Communion

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the week

How clear the two great truths stand out. Where there is much prayer there will be much of the Spirit; where there is much Spirit, there will be ever increasing prayer. - *Andrew Murray*

For your prayers

May the Lord, our God, be sought, acknowledged and reverently feared. We pray for God's perfect will to be done. We pray for God's presence and for his love to be seen as we love and care for one another. Pray for your loved ones, neighbours and friends earnestly.

We continue to pray for Heather, Ian, Ed and Theo. Heather's pain is under control...pray for supreme peace to confound the satan.

We pray for the caring staff in hospitals, surgeries and social care facilities to be protected themselves and to have the stamina when required and rest periods.

May all those who live alone or find themselves in isolation still feel very much a part of God's family and know they are not forgotten.

We pray for the most vulnerable around the world: the homeless, refugees, those with poor water supply, let alone access to soap or medical care.

Today's Readings

Song of Solomon 2:8-17 ESV

The Bride Adores Her Beloved

⁸ The voice of my beloved!

Behold, he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Behold, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away,

¹¹ for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

¹⁴ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the crannies of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

¹⁵ Catch the foxes for us,
the little foxes
that spoil the vineyards,
for our vineyards are in blossom."

¹⁶ My beloved is mine, and I am his;
he grazes among the lilies.

¹⁷ Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on cleft mountains.

Hiking Group

A church hike is planned for Saturday 21 March (the one that was cancelled in February). The hike, which is roughly 7.5 miles long, will start at Knighton, and pass through hilly countryside providing spectacular views over the Teme valley, Radnor Hills and into Shropshire. The route will be mainly on field paths, valleys and a section of Offa's Dyke. The walk involves generally clear walking with a moderate level uphill section. The ground underfoot is generally very good but with the odd muddy section, so please bring sturdy footwear. We will meet at the church

at 9.30. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please contact David Pritchard for more details. Home 01432 882216, mobile 07809 132962

New Attenders' Afternoon Tea

Sunday 26 April at 4.00pm

If you have recently starting worshipping with us at HBC and would like to find out more about us, please make a note of this date. More info to follow.

Church Building and car park access restricted - High level work planned

The high level building work, which was postponed last week, will go

ahead Monday 16th March - Sunday 22nd March.

During this time there will be times when the forecourt and sections of the car park including the path and side entrance between the church car park will be closed for access. This is for your safety and for the safety of those working. Please do not just try and squeeze past. Alternative routes to access the church building will be available. Thank you.

Church meeting 23 March: Budget presentation

At the church meeting on 23 March there will be a presentation of the budget for 2020/2021. In order to give members an opportunity to reflect on the budget before voting, an e-mail has been circulated to all church members (where we have an e-mail address) providing details of the

budget. If you are not on e-mail or would like a hard copy of the budget, copies are available on the members notice board in the middle hall.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the church meeting, but please do get in touch with Kate Bayliss if there's anything that you need to understand more or that you're concerned about.

Fish and Chip Supper

As part of our Easter preparation there will be a Fish and Chip Supper held on Maundy Thursday (9th April). This will include a short service and Communion.

This event will be ticketed to ensure we order enough food from the fish and chip shop. If you would like to buy a ticket, please see Sarah Ansell or contact the office. Tickets are £5 for over 12's and £2 for those under 12.

DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19: Pray from home, Monday 16th March

Coronavirus is spreading fear, panic and dread. So let's fight back this fear with the most powerful weapon we have: prayer. Let us give all our deepest fears and nightmares into the hands of God, who hears our prayer and offers us peace that transcends all understanding. Let's fight this terror and pestilence with prayer!

"The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And

the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:5b-7)

Let's cover this day in prayer: choose a 30-minute slot to pray from home. You can use this however you want: in silence, in Bible reading or listening, in music, in art - however you best engage with God in prayer!

Join in by signing up for one or more 30-minute slots, and if you'd like, include a message about what in particular you're praying for. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/3295kNQuHyzH8H7fA>

What's On This Week

Monday

9.45am	Women's Bible Study
6.30pm	Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

Tuesday

9am	Tuesday Breakfast
12pm	Room Hire - Small Hall
7.30pm	Small Group - Bartestree

Wednesday

10-11.45am	TotStop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Janet and Juergen 'Our Baltic Cruise (Part2)'</i>

Hymn Singing at Oaklands Care Home - CANCELLED

Please note that all hymn singing events have been cancelled until further notice.

5pm-9pm	Youth Group - 5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite
7.30pm	Small Group - Aylestone Hill/ Tupsley

Thursday

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

Friday

7pm	Small Group - South Wye
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Saturday

9.30am	Hiking Group
10pm-4am	Lean on me

Sunday

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

BMS Birthdays March

Ann Grace	Catherine Young	Heather Davies	Chris Tiffin
Jill Meredith			

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