

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 8th March 2020

10.30am - Morning Service

4pm - Reflective Communion

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

Thought for the week

Prayers outlive the lives of those who utter them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.

E.M. Bounds, On Prayer

For your prayers

Our aim is to glorify God and encourage others to know how loving and faithful God can be as "Our Father in heaven". Pray for the preparation of hearts and minds to be receptive to the Good News of Easter. May folk who attend the building during the week join us for celebration. Pray for the outreach on Wednesday before Easter – for all the practical things that need to be done and the people to do it.

It has been a time of loss for David W losing his mother, Sue R her father and Sheila T a younger cousin in tragic circumstances. May the families know the peace that only God can bring. May family reunions at thanksgiving services bring back some happy memories and the opportunity for the living to support one another. Pray for ongoing strength, faith and comfort for Heather, Ian, Ed and Theo. We pray for good pain control for Heather.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 19:1-18 NCV

Elijah Runs Away

¹⁹ King Ahab told Jezebel every thing Elijah had done and how Elijah had killed all the prophets with a sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "May the gods punish me terribly if by this time tomorrow I don't kill you just as you killed those prophets."

³ When Elijah heard this, he was afraid and ran for his life, taking his servant with him. When they came to Beersheba in Judah, Elijah left his servant there. ⁴ Then Elijah walked for a whole day into the desert. He sat down under a bush and asked to die. "I have had enough, Lord," he prayed. "Let me die. I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and slept. Suddenly an angel came to him and touched him. "Get up and eat," the angel said. ⁶ Elijah saw near his head a loaf baked over coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank. Then he went back to sleep.

⁷ Later the Lord's angel came to him a second time. The angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat. If you don't, the journey will be too hard for you." ⁸ So Elijah got up and ate and drank. The food made him strong enough to walk for forty days and nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. ⁹ There Elijah went into a cave and stayed all night.

Then the Lord spoke his word to him: "Elijah! Why are you here?"

¹⁰ He answered, "Lord God All-Powerful, I have always served you as well as I could. But the people of Israel have broken their agreement with you, destroyed your altars, and killed your prophets with swords. I am the only prophet left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

¹¹ The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, stand in front of me on the mountain, and I will pass by you." Then a very strong wind blew until it caused the mountains to fall apart and large rocks to break in front of the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a quiet, gentle sound. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

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¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back on

the road that leads to the desert around Damascus. Enter that city, and pour olive oil on Hazael to make him king over Aram. ¹⁶Then pour oil on Jehu son of Nimshi to make him king over Israel. Next, pour oil on Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to make him a prophet in

your place. ¹⁷Jehu will kill anyone who escapes from Hazael's sword, and Elisha will kill anyone who escapes from Jehu's sword. ¹⁸I have seven thousand people left in Israel who have never bowed down before Baal and whose mouths have never kissed his idol."

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

Reflective Communion

Today at 4pm, there will be a Quiet, Reflective Holy Communion Service especially arranged for Lent.

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

Mon 9th - Sunday 15th March This work has now been postponed.

What's On This Week

Monday

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

Tuesday

9am	Tuesday Breakfast
7.30pm	Small Group - Gaster's

Wednesday

10-11.45am	TotStop
10.15am-12pm	Wednesday Club <i>Bob Calver 'A walk in Spain to Santiago del Compostela'</i>
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

Saturday

10am-4pm	Room Booking - Sanctuary and Small Hall
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

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