

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us today.
It's great that you're here this morning. We hope that you enjoy
today's service.

Sunday 23rd August 2020

10.30am - Morning Service with
Communion.

*Please have your bread and wine (or substitutes) available for the
service.*

Coffee after the service

We will be meeting after the service for coffee today on Zoom, the link
for this meeting was sent via email, if you have not received this please
contact the church office as soon as possible.

Other meetings this week:

Wednesday 26th August 2020

10.30am - Prayer meeting via Zoom. Details to be provided by email.

Words of the Benediction used during each service

Whatever we face, we do not face it alone.

Wherever we go, we do not journey alone.

How ever we suffer, we do not bear it alone.

Who ever we are and where ever we go, and however we journey; we go in
peace, in hope and in faith, for we go with Christ who always goes with us.

Amen.

-David Clowes-

Today's Readings

Genesis 38:24-30

Judah and Tamar

38 It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ²There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, ³and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. ⁴She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. ⁵Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. ⁷But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord put him to death. ⁸Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." ⁹But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. ¹⁰And what he did was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and he put him to death also. ¹¹Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

¹²In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheep shearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you", for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" ¹⁷He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" ¹⁸He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her

widowhood.

²⁰When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her. ²¹And he asked the men of the place, "Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?" And they said, "No cult prostitute has been here." ²²So he returned to Judah and said, "I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, 'No cult prostitute has been here.'" ²³And Judah replied, "Let her keep the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her."

²⁴About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." ²⁵As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." ²⁶Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again.

²⁷When the time of her labour came, there were twins in her womb. ²⁸And when she was in labour, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." ²⁹But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. ³⁰Afterwards his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

For your prayers

This morning pray for all those with new beginnings soon : whether it be starting school/college/university or a new job/ marriage/ move or new leadership position within HBC.

New every morning is God's faithfulness: Praise Him.

Pray for those with the same ongoing problems to face. May we all learn to be content and continue to trust in our Father who cares.

Pray for God's glory to be revealed globally as the pandemic is very much under his control. He is mightier than the fiercest chaos of the oceans we see. Jesus calms the storms.

Pray for holidays and retreats to be refreshing and lead to new vigour.

Pray for new opportunities for useful work for those going to be made redundant. May the UK become more community orientated. May the church family show community life.

Access to the Church Building

The locks at HBC have now been changed. Those who need a key during this period will be issued a new key. All other key requests will be reviewed as activities resume at HBC.

Family Church on Sundays

We will be holding Family Church in the HBC car park on Sunday afternoons. Please do not park in the church car park 1pm-4pm as we need the space clear to set out activities safely. Thank you.

Thank you

Dorothy and Gerald Marchant would like to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and cards following Gerald's heart attack. He is home now and is making a good recovery and we are both out of isolation now which will make life a bit easier.