

SERVICE OUTLINE

Song lyrics appear on the screen. Paper copies are available.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

SONGS Light of the world
God immortal, invisible

CONFESSION

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

PRAYERS

Andrew Senior

CHILDREN'S SLOT (FAMILY TREES)

SONG All through history

5-11s leave for children's church in the scout hut (they will be brought back to the hall after the service). There are also separate crèches / groups for 0-4s in the hall.

BIBLE READING

Catriona Senior

Matthew 1:1-17 p.965
(Chinese Bibles p.782)

SERMON

Extended sermon notes in simple English are available on the welcome desk for anyone who would find them helpful.

SONG You're the Word of God the Father

HOLY COMMUNION

See separate sheet

SONG Come behold the wondrous mystery

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall, including a meal for the kids.

Members of the prayer team will be available at the front right of church, and would be happy to talk and pray with you about anything.

MATTHEW 1:1-17

SERMON NOTES

What does Jesus' family tree show us?

Jesus is the authentic Saviour

Jesus is the universal Saviour

Jesus is the complete Saviour

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Growth groups meet during the week. Part of what we do is to help each other think through more deeply what we learn on Sundays—and then be ready to change as a result.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. How would this passage help you to talk to someone who said that the Bible was a bunch of made up stories?
3. How does the genealogy show that Jesus is our *authentic* saviour?
4. It was unusual to include women in the list of a genealogy. What do the stories of the four women mentioned in v3, 5 and 6 add to the genealogy?
5. If the genealogy shows the sort of people Jesus

came to save, how can we be inclusive and expectant as a church in who we try to reach?

6. Matthew divides history up in segments, each pointing to a fulfilment in Jesus. How would you summarise how Jesus completes the story of God's promise to Abraham, to David and to the generations of the exile? How does this help us to understand Jesus today?

And here is a question for parents and children to discuss over a meal time one day...

Why was it important that Jesus was a descendant of David?