

## SERVICE OUTLINE

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

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

### SONG Bless the Lord O my soul

[Time of confession]

As for me and my house

### PRAYERS incl. Lord's Prayer

Chris Maden

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### SONG May the peoples praise you

During this song, we'll bring our response forms from Vision and Partnership Sundays.

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. Some weeks we also have a Pathfinder group for 11-15s.

### BIBLE READING

Tom Walsh

Acts 20:17-38 p.1116

(Chinese Bibles p.895)

### SERMON

Rob Bridgewater

### SONG From the Breaking of the Dawn

### HOLY COMMUNION

See separate Sheet

### SONG Facing a Task Unfinished

### CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall. There is a meal for kids and any others staying on for our student group or Equip Programme.

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.

## ACTS 20:17-38

What kind of church should we be planning for?

Keep watch over yourselves....

Keep watch over all the flock

## 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. Here are some questions.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. What three terms does Luke use for the church leaders in Ephesus over the passage (v17,28) - why does he do this?
3. How does Paul model a godly ministry (v18-24, 33-35)? How does this help those of us in a leadership role at church? Or how does it help us to encourage those who lead?
4. Paul reminds the elders of the great value of the church to God (v29) - how does this help us shape church leadership?

5. Paul warns the elders about false teachers from outside and within (v29-30) - what identifies them today? How do we counter this as a church?
6. If you were now setting out a vision for church for the next five years, how does Paul's address help you?
7. Take time to pray for CCE, that every leader in our church becomes shaped as God sets out in this passage.

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

What does God think our Bible teachers should be like?