

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Rob Bridgewater

SONGS God immortal invisible
O Lord, my Rock and my redeemer

CHILDREN'S SLOT

Lucy Cross

SONG No-one is good

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.

CONFESSION

In your mercy forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us.

"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross."
(Colossians 2:13-14)

BIBLE READING

Tom Davis

Romans 2:17-29 (p.1129)
(Chinese Bibles p.907)

SERMON

Ed Pennington

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

SONG All this world now boasts
Holy Spirit living breath of God

PRAYERS

Mark Hinds

SONG In Christ Alone

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall. There is a meal for kids and any others staying on.

After the meal we have an "Equip" session looking at what the Bible says about gender and identity (which our passage from two weeks ago touched on).

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

PRAYER MEETINGS IN 2019

Growth Groups meet centrally this week at the Church Prayer meeting.

Come and pray together with the church on Tuesday. Tea and coffee served from 7.45pm, prayer starts at 8pm sharp.

In 2019 we want to do four things during our prayer meetings:

- Pray about the big things in our life together as a church family;
- cover more about what God is teaching on the practice of prayer through his word: this year we will be working through a number of Paul's prayers as a model for our own;

ROMANS 2:17-29

Why religion can't save you:

Religion makes you forgetful of the cross (17-18)

Religion makes you condescending to others (19-20)

Religion makes you blind to yourself (21-24)

Religion makes you ignore the Holy Spirit (25-29)

- Learn from each other about how to pray and our different ways of praying to our Lord, and
- hear news, be thankful and celebrate more about what God is doing across the church.

Please come and join the rest of us there – there's much to pray for and share, so please don't miss out!

FAMILY TABLETALK

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

Why might thinking that I'm a good, religious person be a problem?