

SERVICE OUTLINE

SONGS His mercy is more
My hope is built on nothing less

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION *Rob Bridgewater*

CONFESSION: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:8-12)

PRAYERS *Lucie Brittain*

CHILDRENS' SLOT *Lucy Cross*

SONG He died upon the cross

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.

SONG Yes, finished the Messiah dies

BIBLE READING *Iona Sowards*
Romans 5:1-11 (p.1132) (*Chinese Bibles p.909*)

SERMON *Ed Pennington*

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

SONG Jesus paid it all
When peace like a river

CLOSING PRAYER

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

THIS WEEK

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 at our meetings:

- Pray about the big things in our life together as a church family;
- Hear more about what God teaches us on the practice of prayer through his word;
- Learn from each other about 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 pray with us!

ROMANS 5:1-11

Living under grace...

Past reconciliation (v1, 6-8)

Future glory (v2, 9-10)

Present rejoicing (v2-5)

BAPTISM

In May we plan to baptise some members of our church. If you've not been baptised, it's a good thing - and something Jesus asks us to do! (Matthew 28:19-20).

If this is something you've thought about doing, do please speak to Rob or Ed.

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

Why is it good that we have peace with God (5v1)?