

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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SONGS Only a holy God
His mercy is more

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

God 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. (Ps 103:10-12)

CHILDREN'S SLOT

Lucy Cross

SONG Day after day

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

Gurnam Basran

Romans 7:1-25 (p.1133) (Chinese Bibles p.816)

SERMON

Ed Pennington

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

SONGS Amazing grace
He will hold me fast

PRAYERS

Dave Prosser

SONG Let your kingdom come

CLOSING PRAYER

The prayer team will be available at the front right of church, and would be happy to talk and pray with you about anything. Please join us for refreshments and a meal in the church hall.

ROMANS 7:1-25

Introduction (v1-6)

"I'm not a Christian, but do try to live by the teaching of the Bible"

"I am a Christian, but again and again I don't live by the teaching of the Bible"

Without Jesus, the law shows me God's standards and just condemns me (v7-13)

Without the Holy Spirit, the law shows me God's standards and just frustrates me (v14-25)

Five things to do and pray ahead of Easter

1. Come and join the prayer meeting, this Tuesday, 16th April. Coffee and tea served from 19.45, prayer meeting starts at 8pm *prompt* and finishes at 9.30pm.
2. Read the four gospels accounts of the days around the death and resurrection of Jesus; the largest proportion of the gospels is given over to these few days is (Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19:28-24; John 12-21).
3. Pray each day for one or more specific people for whom you long to see the glory of Jesus on the cross and in his resurrection.
4. Pray daily for yourself and/or your family over a portion of scripture. For instance, pray *"that according to the riches of his glory he may grant*

you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph 3:16-19)

5. Making an Easter garden is a great way of chatting over the Bible with messy hands and kids!

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

How should hearing God's commands make us feel?