

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Rob Bridgewater

SONGS Bless the Lord O my soul
The Lord is gracious and compassionate

CONFESSION

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

BAPTISMS OF JAMES BIRD AND HATTIE BIRD

See separate sheet

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, and on alternate weeks for Pathfinders (Y7-11).

BIBLE READING

Caroline Bridgewater

James 5:7-12 (p.1216)
(Chinese Bibles p.992)

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE

Ed Pennington

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

SONGS What love could remember
From the breaking of the dawn

PRAYERS

Laura Naish

"REAL LIFE FRUIT"

Dan Timms

SONG Crown him with many crowns

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall, including a meal for the kids and those staying on for an Equip session.

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Growth Groups meet during the week. Part of what we do there 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. In what ways is God patient with us and with others?
3. In what ways do other people have to be patient with you? What situations make you most likely to be impatient with others?
4. Considering Prov 19:11, 1 Thess 5:14 and 2 Tim 4:2, what are some of the ways patience can be shown in practice?
5. In what situations are you most likely to be

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE

SERMON NOTES

The Holy Spirit will grow our patience!

Patience with others (James 5:7-9)

Patience with circumstances (James 5:10-12)

impatient with your circumstances?

6. How is patience "in the face of suffering" possible? What do we need to remember?
7. Why will patience no longer be needed when Jesus returns?

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

In what ways is God patient with us?