

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

SONGS

 Come praise and glorify

[Psalm 130]

May the peace of God our heavenly Father

PRAYERS

Helen Pennington

CHILDREN'S ITEM

Lucy Cross

SONG

 Our God is a great big God

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.

INTERVIEW

SONG

 God is for us

BIBLE READING

Romans 8:5-17 p.1134 (*Chinese Bibles p.911*)

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SERMON

Rob Bridgewater

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

SONG

 The Spirit came as promised

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for a meal in the church hall

ROMANS 8:5-17

SERMON NOTES

This has got to change!

Are you going to live by the Spirit? (5-8)

Do you know how much the Spirit wants to change you? (9-11)

Do you see where the Spirit is taking you? (12-17)

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Some growth groups meet during the week over the summer. 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.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. When we want to bring change in our life how do we tend to do it? Does it work?
3. Why does Paul contrast living according to the flesh (the sinful nature) with living according to the Spirit?
4. How can we be confident that the Holy Spirit is living and working in us? How far do you think he will go?
5. How does this transform our view about

ourselves?

6. How does being children of God transform us as we live when we feel very ordinary?
7. How would you use this passage to encourage someone who seems so disappointed in their ability to change for the better?

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

How does God the Father change us to be more like his Son?