

## SERVICE OUTLINE

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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**SONGS** Creator God  
Rock of Ages

### ALL AGE PRAYERS

**SONG** Mighty mighty saviour

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.

### BIBLE READING

Romans 11:1–36 p.1138  
(Chinese Bibles p.913)

### SERMON

Ed Pennington

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

**SONG** Behold our God

### CONFESSION

Father, in your mercy,

**forgive us and help us.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**COMMUNION** (see separate sheet)

**SONG** And can it be

### CLOSING PRAYER

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

## 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. Look again at 9:30-33 and 10:21. Given what Paul has been saying, why does the question of 11:1 come next?
3. How does Paul show that Jewish rejection was never total (v1-10)? And never final (v30-32 especially, though really the whole section from v11)?
4. In what ways can Christian be boastful, arrogant or conceited toward others? Which people / groups of people do you most find yourself tempted to

## ROMANS 11:1–36

### SERMON NOTES

With a God of grace and mercy there are no lost causes

So don't look down on people

So don't give up on people

look down on in these ways? How will remembering the nature of God's grace and mercy help us?

5. Explain the chain of events that Paul outlines in 11-32, which ultimately leads to Jews and Gentiles being saved. Do you recognise this pattern from your own life / from others, as well as it being true of Israel's history?
6. How can we live worthy of the right envy of others?

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

Who is the least person you know who is least likely to become a Christian. And why do you think that?