

## SERVICE OUTLINE

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

**SONGS** Praise to the Lord  
He is exalted

### CHILDREN'S ITEM

Lucy Cross & Lucy Gratton

**SONG** Brick after brick

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

James Bird

Romans 12:1-8 p.1139  
(Chinese Bibles p.914)

### SERMON

Rob Bridgewater

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

**SONGS** My worth is not in what I own  
Let love be found among us

### 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.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PRAYERS

Wilkister Ludenyi

**SONG** To God be the glory

### CLOSING PRAYER

*Please come through to the hall where there's food for everyone. Hot drinks are served at the back of the main church area—noticees are given later.*

## CHRISTMAS DATES

Here are the dates for our Christmas Services and events—flyers will be out in the next few weeks, but now is the time to get dates into diaries and to be thinking about who to invite!

### Ladies' Christmas Craft Evenings

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 November

### Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 15 December  
4pm and 7pm

### Men's Pies & Carols

Thursday 19 December

## ROMANS 12:9–21

### SERMON NOTES

Introduction

Genuine love (v9)

True compassion for one another (10-13, 15-16)

True forgiveness for the other (14,17-21)

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

How does Jesus help us love others, practically?

### Bethlehem in the Botanical Gardens

Sunday 22 December  
2pm start in the Gardens

### Christmas Eve Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24 December, 8pm

[a new service this year—with the Turkey stuffed and the presents under the tree, this is a chance to come and be quiet before God before the craziness begins!]

### Christmas Day All-Age Celebration

Wednesday 25 December, 10.30am