



Sunday 10th September

*"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God to everyone who believes ..."*

*"... it is written: The righteous shall live by faith."*

*...Romans 1: 16 - 17 ESV*

## **A word from the pastor ...**

Everyone in this world wants to be 'happy'. It is not wrong for a Christian to want to be happy and it is certainly no sin to desire to be free from despair. However, you will never achieve either of these goals if they are your primary concern.

Psalm 16:11 says *'in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore'*. If we desire these pleasures it is necessary to understand what it means to be at God's right hand. Since Paul tells us that Christ has been exalted to God's right hand (Ephesians 1:20), it follows that the more we abide 'in Christ', the more we will enjoy the indescribable pleasures of fellowship with God. The deeper our union with Christ, the more we will experience the 'fullness of joy'. The by-product of living a Christ-centred rather than man-centred life will be the happiness and joy we desire.

Not only does the world present us with the wrong goal, our own 'happiness', but also the wrong means. We are told that the happiness will come from material things, personal experiences, our own achievements or from the love of others. But possessions and experiences give only transitory happiness and we will always be let down by ourselves and by others. The only means to true happiness is a life lived in Christ for Christ.

However, we must remember that this result should never be our goal. We should not seek deeper intimacy with Christ in order to be happy. We should seek greater closeness to Him because the goal of every Christian life is to know Christ more and more (2 Peter 3:18). Otherwise, if we seek Christ just to be happy, we will land back in the same old rut of self-centredness that only perpetuates unhappiness.

# What's on this week

## Sunday 10th September.

### Welcome to Hailsham Free Church.

**A special welcome if you are visiting for the first time today.**

**Prayer** – We meet in the church office every Sunday before each service, at 10:25 in the morning and 6:15 in the evening. Anyone is welcome to join us.

### Morning Service **10:45am**

Pastor Tim will be leading the service and will be preaching from 1 John 4: 7-12.  
Sermon: Love One Another.

### Evening Service **6:30pm**

Pastor Tim will be leading and will be preaching from 2 Peter 3: 14-18.  
Sermon: Our Diligence, Part 2.

**Crèche:** If you have young children, then please make use of our crèche room, where the service will be relayed.

**Young people:** We have a children's group that runs during the service.

### Primary & Junior:

From age 3 - school year 6.

## *Theme verse 2017*

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

**All our services are recorded on CD.** To get a copy please speak to someone on the sound desk at the back of the church; alternatively you can find them on the church website; [www.hailshamfreechurch.org](http://www.hailshamfreechurch.org)

## Monday

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| <b>Prayer Meeting</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  |
| <b>Elders Meeting</b> | <b>10.45am</b> |
| <b>Christars</b>      | <b>7.00pm</b>  |

## Tuesday

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| <b>Adventurers</b>          | <b>6.15</b> |
| <b>Men's Prayer Meeting</b> |             |

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday

## Sunday next week. DV

### Morning Service. **10:45am**

Mark Field will be leading the service and Tony Baker, Trinity Church Eastbourne, will be preaching.

### Evening Service. **6:30pm**

Peter Barrie will be leading the service and Clive Langston, SGA, will be preaching.

# Be Involved

## *Information ...*

### **Harvest Services.**

Will be held on Sunday 24th September. Following the morning service there will be a "Fellowship bring and share lunch". Sign up sheet is at the back of the Church. For further details speak to Gary or Nicola Holland..

### **British Museum Conducted Tour.**

The date for this has now been finalised. Saturday 2nd December, there are still a number of vacancies for this trip, a coach has been booked, speak with Andrew Levell for further details.

### **Heart of Sussex newspaper**

September copy now available in the foyer.

### **Crafternoon**

Restarts on Saturday, 23rd September, at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

### **Carol's In The Park**

Planning meeting to be held Monday 2nd October, 7.30pm, for all who can help.

## **Chris and Serena Durrant**

Chris has recently finished a three course at the London Theological Seminary. Together with his wife Serena and their two boys, they have moved to Bournemouth where Chris will be inducted to the pastorate at Howeth Road Evangelical Church, this is Chris's first pastorate. They will both have new roles to meet and new friends to make. Uphold them as a family in your prayers.

**Offerings** - We don't take up an offering during the services, but we have two offering boxes at the entrance to the church, so that you can give as you are led by the Lord. We would like to encourage you to give to His work, as He directs you. If you pay tax, then **Gift Aiding increases the amount you give by 25%.**

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