



Sunday 5th November

"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 ...

The New Testament describes two offices appointed in the early church: 'elders' and 'deacons' (1 Timothy 3:1-13). The word 'deacon' comes from a Greek word meaning serving or doing service and was an established office in the New Testament church (Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13; Romans 16:1).

We first see deacons appointed in Acts 6 where the apostles found they could not fulfill their responsibilities both in the ministry of the Word as well as the ministry of practical service. So, the church called seven from their number to this ministry (Acts 6:5). Those called were *'of good repute, full of Spirit and of wisdom'* (Acts 6:3). They were set before the church leaders who prayed over them, laying on hands (Acts 6:6). It was a commissioning of the Seven to lead this ministry of practical service.

The laying on of hands in the New Testament (Acts 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:14; 5:22; 2 Timothy 1:6) has the idea of transference of authority as those in leadership show their identification with those being formerly called to ministry as well as signaling their affirmation and support for them.

This morning we have the great joy of commissioning two of our brothers and sisters to the office of deacon in our fellowship: Andrew Levell and Karen Tyler. The church has previously called them to the office of deacon at the Members Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October. Today, as the first Communion service following that meeting, we will commission them to the diaconate following the pattern established in Acts 6 with prayer and with the laying on of hands.

Please welcome them to this new role of servant leadership in our church, praying for the Lord to uphold them and to accomplish much work for the kingdom through them. We praise God for raising up servants in His church.

What's on this week

Sunday 5th November.

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 is leading the service and will be preaching from Ephesians 2: 4-9.
Sermon Title: *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone).
We will share in communion together.

Evening Service **6:30pm**

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching from 1 John 1: 5-7.
Sermon Title: Walk in the Light.

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.

Home Fellowship Groups.

Monday

Prayer Meeting	9.30am
Elders Meeting	10.45am
Christars	7:00pm

Tuesday

Adventurers.	6:15pm
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Wednesday

Mums & Toddlers.	10:00am
Followers.	6:00pm

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday next week. DV

Morning Service. **10:45am**
Luke Field will be leading and Mark Field will be preaching.

Evening Service. **6:30pm**
David Field will be leading and David Fortune (CPR) will be preaching.

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

Be Involved

Information ...

British Museum Conducted Tour.

Saturday 2nd December leaving the church at **7:45am** there are still 2 seats available for this trip, the coach has been booked, speak with Andrew Levell for further details.

Crafternoon.

Donations of ribbon required for the next meeting in November, speak to Priscilla if you have any questions.

An Evening with Noel & Tricia Richards.

A concert featuring songs and conversations about love, life, friendship and faith. Venue, The Civic Centre, Uckfield. Saturday 25th November, Doors open 7:30pm for 8:00pm. Tickets purchased in advance £6 on the door £8.

Further details can be found in the foyer,

Email: uckfieldconcert@noelandtricia.com

Hailsham Free Church Christmas card 2017

What is it about?

Rather than sending lots of individual cards to each other, we aim to produce a Church Christmas card, where we can share greetings and blessings with the rest of the fellowship.

We will produce enough copies of the card, so that everyone can have one.

Christian Concern.

Christian Concern seek to speak of Jesus Christ in public life -- especially in the arenas of politics, law and the media -- and also on issues related to gospel freedoms, family and God's precious gift of life.

Through the Christian Legal Centre they give support to those facing challenges in their workplaces, or in community life, as a result of their Christian faith.

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**

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