



Sunday 19th 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 ...

There is a new lie sweeping through our country: 'transgenderism'. It is the idea that a person can 'choose' and 'change' their gender. Even young children are being told in schools that they can choose whether they want to be boys or girls. Any resistance by adults is met by the authorities with outrage. Parents who approach schools concerning this are accused of 'transphobic behaviour'. Schoolteachers who refuse to recognise the gender a student 'chooses' are suspended.

Adults can now legally have their gender changed on their birth certificates. Increasingly, workers in government institutions are being told they have to use words like 'zee' instead of 'he' or 'she' to refer to those who have 'decided' to be 'no gender'. There is a growing series of 'protections' for 'transgendered people' that businesses and organisations are being forced to adopt.

Astonishingly, the Church of England has not resisted this but is even in the vanguard pursuing it, recently directing their own schools to let children 'explore gender identity'.

But God's revealed truth, the Bible, says, '*God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them*' (Genesis 1:27). The Creator of all things determined in His perfect wisdom to create two genders: male and female. He is the One who has chosen the gender for every man, woman and child. He has even hard-coded it in the X and Y chromosomes in every person's cells. The Lord said through Jeremiah, '*Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?*' (Jeremiah 13:23). The arrogant response of the world today seems to be 'Yes'.

We should realise that this is one more attack by the forces of evil against what God has established. However, we can rest assured that, like every previous attack, it cannot succeed. Men, even governments, cannot overturn what God has spoken and ordained. God permits man's rebellion only until the fullness of the elect are saved. Then, when Christ returns, all wrongs will be righted and all darkness cast away. In the meantime, it is important that we, as Christians, do not get caught up in the lies of the world but rest firmly on the solid rock of Christ and the truth of His Word.

What's on this week

Sunday 19th 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 will be leading the service and will be preaching from:
Galatians 2: 15-16.
Sermon Title. *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone)

Evening Service **6:30pm**

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching from 1 John 1: 8-10
Sermon Title Our Need To Deal With Sin.
We will share in communion this evening.

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.

Prayer & Praise.

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

Samson Group	4:30pm
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Friday

Saturday

Crafternoon.	2-4 pm
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Theme verse 2017

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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 ...

Admin.

Items for inclusion in the news sheet and/or prayer listing must be received by Thursday midday at the latest. The office is not manned on a Friday.

Crafternoon.

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

FIA Shoe Boxes.

Will all who have kindly taken shoe boxes to fill can you please make sure they are returned by Sunday 26th November, if this is a problem please speak with Karen or Jeanette many thanks.

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 Baptist Church.

Mission weekend Saturday 25th November @ 3pm. Presentations by Phil & Lydia Evans (Penzance Baptist Church) & Daryl & Julia Jones (Mission Director GBM). Further details on the noticeboard. All are warmly welcomed.

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**

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