



Sunday 26th 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 News recently has been dominated by the 'Budget', the annual budget set by Her Majesty's Treasury. This sets out what the Government receives in income against what it will expend over the fiscal year. This reminds us to consider our own 'spiritual budget', to consider all that we have received from Jesus Christ against all that we expend of ourselves for Him.

What Christ has given to us is beyond measure. Not only have we received so many material blessings such as health, warmth, comfort, loved ones, food, clothing, money, protection and shelter but we have received '*every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*' (Ephesians 1:4). For us who believe in Christ, the penalty for our sins has been paid, we have been clothed in Christ's righteousness, we have been adopted as God's children and we have received the Holy Spirit as a deposit of our inheritance of eternal life. For all these things we can give great thanks. Our lives should overflow with thankfulness to our Lord and Saviour.

However, we must also consider the other side of the ledger. How do we expend ourselves for Christ? How do we serve Him in witness, in His church, in prayer, in communal worship, in giving, in growing in Christlikeness?

The goal for the UK Budget is to be balanced or in surplus. Unfortunately, it is usually in deficit with more being spent than is received in income. Our spiritual budgets will never be in balance but always wildly in surplus as our work for Him is like a small droplet of water compared to the ocean of Christ's blessings to us. But let us strive to expend more of ourselves for Christ. Let us aim to give more and more of ourselves to Him who has given us everything.

The Government's Budget always seems to disappoint but may our spiritual budget, our plan for how we will offer up ourselves for Christ, be pleasing to our Lord and Saviour.

What's on this week

Sunday 26th 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 preaching from John 14:6. Sermon Title: Solus Christus" Christ Alone.

Evening Service 6:30pm

Mark Field is leading the service and will be preaching.

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 Groups

Monday

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

Tuesday

Adventurers.	6:15pm
Pastor's day off.	

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Day trip to British Museum. Meet at the Church 7:45am

Sunday next week. DV

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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.

FIA Shoe Boxes.

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

Church Christmas card

Next Sunday will be the last opportunity if you want to be included in the Church Christmas card.

Carol's in the Park

Mince pies and other delights are needed for the refreshments after the Carols in the Park event, many thanks.

Church Flowers for Christmas.

Contributions towards the cost of the flowers for the Christmas services, if you would like to help please see June Collman or place your gift in the offering box and mark your gift "Flowers".

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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John 14:6.

“Solus Christus” Christ Alone.

Pastor Tim.

PM

Mark Field
