



Sunday 10th December

"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...

Early in His earthly ministry, when Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth, at the synagogue on the Sabbath day He read from the Scriptures:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor'* (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus went on to say:

"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21)

This afternoon, at *Carols in the Park*, there will be many who know and love the Lord Jesus and we will rejoice with them as we celebrate the coming into this world of our Saviour. However, as we have been intently praying, the Lord will bring some, even many, who are still in darkness. These captive souls are the focus of our prayers. For them, we pray that the Lord will use us as His instruments to proclaim the good news of Jesus, to proclaim Jesus as the means of liberty from the captivity of sin, to declare Jesus as the way by which spiritual blindness may be healed and to proclaim the unthinkable favour of salvation to eternal life in Jesus Christ being offered to them.

What a marvelous opportunity to witness we have today! May the Lord embolden us, strengthen our faith and give us all courage and resolve as we step out into the community to be bearers of the greatest news anyone could ever receive: the coming of Jesus Christ the Saviour.

What's on this week

Sunday 10th December.

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**

Peter Barrie will be leading and Glen Scrivener will be preaching from Isaiah 9: 1-7.

Carols In the Park **4:30pm**

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.

Home Groups

Monday

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

Tuesday

Adventurers.	6:15pm
Men's prayer meeting	7:30pm
Pastor's day off.	

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Crafternoon.	2pm-4pm
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Sunday next week. DV

Morning Service. **10:45am**
Pastor Tim will be leading the service and will be preaching.

Evening Service. **6:30pm**
Pastor Tim will be leading the service and will be preaching. We will share in communion together

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

Be Involved

Information...

Next Sunday.

Our morning service will include the children taking part in our Christmas Nativity, the children will be acting and narrating the scene at the stable and singing well loved Christmas favourites. Please come and support the children.

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 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".

Barnabas

BARNABAS, with our help, is seeking to relieve oppression and injustice among Christians across the world. They are tackling famines in many places like Yemen and Bangladesh, bringing the attention of the Middle East to the world Media and upholding the Christian Faith where persecution is greatest. Please remember Patrick and Rosemary Sookhdeo with the administration team in prayer.

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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