



Sunday 17th 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...**

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold the coming of our great Saviour, Jesus Christ. One of the great passages that prophesies about Jesus is that of Isaiah 9, part of which was read at the Carol Service last Sunday. Let us consider verse 6:

*'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'*

(Isaiah 9:6).

Here we find revealed magnificent names for the child who is to be born to the virgin (Isaiah 7:14). *'Wonderful Counsellor'* suggests divine, supernatural wisdom. *'Mighty God'* tells us of His deity and power. *'Everlasting Father'* speaks of His fatherly care of His people which will, unlike a human father, never end. These culminate in the title, *'Prince of Peace'* which verse 7 explains further. The coming Saviour will bring and sustain (literally 'administer') peace ('Shalom' wholeness) among the nations forever.

To the question that would surely be posed back to Isaiah, "How could this be?", the prophet answers, "*The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this*", asserting the passionate commitment of the all-powerful Lord of the universe to ensure this promise is fulfilled.

These names tell us of the uniqueness and divine perfection of the Lord Jesus. How God is to be praised for the greatness of His Son whose birth we celebrate!

# What's on this week

## Sunday 17th 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**

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching from Hebrews 2:9.  
Sermon: The Unthinkable Sacrifice.

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

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching from 1 John 2: 3-6. We will share in communion together.  
Sermon: Keep God's Word.

**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.**

## Monday

**Prayer Meeting** **9.30am**  
**Elders Meeting** **10.45am**

## Tuesday

**Pastor's day off.**

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday

## Sunday next week. DV

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

**Carol Service.** **5:30pm**  
Pastor Tim will be leading the service and will be preaching. Refreshment will follow.

**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)

# Be Involved

## Information...

### **Mid Week Meetings.**

Children's meetings have now finished for the Christmas break, they will restart the week beginning Monday January 8th.

### **Faith In Action.**

No meeting this Thursday the next meeting will be on Thursday 18th January.

### **Myrtle Rutland.**

Myrtle moved into Filsham Lodge on Friday.

### **Christmas Day.**

Reminder our Christmas Day service will start at 10am.

### **Thank You.**

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the shoe box appeal, they will be distributed in the next few day's, I know they will be greatly appreciated.

### **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 you**

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