



Sunday 14th January

*"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 ...**

Another year begins. What should be our goal for 2018? We do well to consult the Word of God.

The apostle Paul said, *"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:12-14).

First, we see a humble self-evaluation, *"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect"*. We know that we are all works-in-progress, often stumbling and falling in this lifetime but, by the power of Christ, progressively growing in godliness. Next, we see the holy ambition to *"press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own"*, that is, to pursue Christ-likeness, the one perfect goal for our lives. Then, we find the single-minded determination, *"forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"*. Forgetting all previous failures, Paul single-mindedly strains body and soul to reach forward to the ultimate prize, the perfect Christ-likeness that will be the believer's reward in heaven.

This year, may we all recognise our own humble positions and, forgetting the failures of the past, press ahead single-mindedly towards the ultimate prize of Christ-likeness.

# What's on this week

## Sunday 14th January

### 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 Psalm 18: 1-3.  
Sermon: Our Rock.

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

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching from 1 John 2: 7-11.  
Sermon: Love One Another.

**Crèche:** If you have young children, then please make use of our crèche room, where the service will be relayed.

**Young people:** We normally have 2 children's groups that run during the service.

### *Theme verse 2018*

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress  
and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take  
refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my  
salvation, my stronghold.  
(Psalm 18:2)*

**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)

## Home Groups

### Monday

<b>Prayer Meeting.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Elders Meeting.</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>Christars.</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

### Tuesday

<b>Adventurers.</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>
<b>Pastor's Day Off.</b>	

### Wednesday

<b>Mums &amp; Toddlers.</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Followers.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>

### Thursday

<b>Faith in Action.</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Elders &amp; Deacons Meeting.</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>

### Friday

### Saturday

## Sunday next week. DV

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

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

# Be Involved

## Information ...

### **Church Members Meeting.**

Tuesday 23rd January @ 7:45pm.

### **Crafternoon.**

Saturday 27th January. 2pm—4pm.

### **Family Service on Sunday 28thJan.**

Afterwards an opportunity to share in fellowship together all are welcome.

A Tea/Coffee and 'afternoon tea food' e.g. Birthday Cake with plates of sandwiches, savouries and other cakes/biscuits - finger food, to make things easier for everyone.

Fiona will provide the Birthday Cake. Sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. For further details speak to Fiona McEntee.

### **Prayer & Praise Meeting.**

Wednesday 31st January @ 7:45 pm.

## **Julian & Georgie Rebera**

We are an informal gathering of local people who meet at New Life Church, Moulsecoomb, who aim to reflect the life and teaching of Jesus in our own lives and in the way we relate to others.

**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 give by 25%.**

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