



Sunday 21st 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 ...

We sometimes find ourselves passing judgement on fellow believers. Romans 14:13 states, *'let us not pass judgment on one another any longer'*.

We are not to look at the sins of other believers and usurp the place of the divine Judge and to self-righteously condemn them. Rather, we should instead be concerned about being judged ourselves by the Lord. The Apostle declares just before this, *'we will all stand before the judgment seat of God'* (Romans 14:10) where *'each of us will give an account of himself to God'* (Romans 14:12). This is the judgment referred to in 1 Corinthians 3:13-15, where our Christian lives will be judged and each person's reward determined, some receiving no reward but still being saved though *"as through fire"*.

Our responsibility, then, is not to judge or condemn our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will not be called on by our Lord to give an account of the sins and shortcomings of others, but rather *'each of us will give an account of himself to God'*.

Although we must not judge fellow believers, we are to, out of love and compassion, discern when a Christian gets caught up in a pattern of sin. We then have a responsibility to gently admonish and restore them: *'if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness'* (Galatians 6:1).

So, let us not judge fellow believers but let us lovingly help them if we see them fall.

What's on this week

Sunday 21st 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**

Alan Thompson is leading the service and David Laskey will be preaching from Exodus 3:1-14.
Sermon: The Unexpected.

Evening Service **6:30pm**

Alan is leading the service and David Laskey will be preaching from Psalm 139.
Sermon: The God whom we worship.
We will share in Communion together.

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

Home Groups

Monday

Prayer Meeting.	9:30 am
Elders Meeting.	10:45 am
Christars.	7:00 pm

Tuesday

Adventurers.	6:15 pm
Church Members Meeting	7:30 pm
Pastor's Day Off.	

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Samson Group	4:40 pm
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Friday

Hailsham Baptist Church: 7:30pm
Church History Evening
See notice board for further details.

Saturday

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

Family Service. 10:45am
Andrew Levell will be leading the service and Carl Slezacek preaching.

Evening Service 6:30pm
Chris Roach will be leading the service and will be preaching.

Be Involved

Information ...

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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