





## Meetings planned

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Sunday School & YP  
 10.15am Prayer meeting  
 11.00am Morning Service  
 - Phil Jones  
 6.00pm Evening Service  
 - Matt Gamston

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Elders and Deacons' meeting

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Women's meeting  
 7.15pm GN

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

6.30pm JF - Nick Reeves

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Discussion groups

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Sunday School & YP  
 10.15am Prayer meeting  
 11.00am Communion Service  
 - John Martin (Pastor at  
 Grace Church Cheltenham)  
 6.00pm Evening Service  
 - Phil Jones

## Preaching Away



### **Today**

- Matt Gamston at Grace Church Quedgeley this morning

## 15<sup>th</sup> September church duties



**Duty Deacon:** Drew H

**Welcome:** Margaret S, Denise K, Richard K

**Car Park:** William M

**Creche:** Georgie C, Julie W, Rachel G

**Tea & coffee:** Joy H, Eileen R

**Cleaning (9<sup>th</sup>– 15<sup>th</sup>):** Cosmos O, Dupe O,  
 Tom R, Margaret S



Welcome Visitors!

## Visitors

If you are visiting us today, we give you a very special welcome.

- Please pick up a **welcome leaflet** from the back of the church or by the front door.
- We have a **staffed crèche** during the morning sermon for pre-school children. The services are also relayed into the entrance hall.
- A sheet for children (or adults!) to fill in during the morning sermon is available to pick up from the back of the church.
- We do video our services for members who are unable to meet with us. The DVDs are not for general use.
- Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the evening service.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



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## Things to note

### **Thursday @7.30pm**

This week we will be dividing into **small groups** to think more about this morning's message and then to pray. Pick up a copy of the discussion questions from the table in the entrance hall or find them on the church website. **Everyone is welcome.**

### **Women's Breakfast**

The next Women's Breakfast is planned for **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**. Emma Worrall will be speaking on 'Living for Jesus in turbulent times'. **All ladies are welcome.** Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the entrance hall if you plan to be there.

### **Holiday**

Matt Gamston will be on holiday from the 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Special Church Meeting**

A Special Church Meeting will be held here on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm** to consider an application for church membership.

### **Small Groups**

We will soon begin Small Groups meeting in people's homes. All church members will be assigned to a group but if you are not a church member who would like to be part of a group please let Matt or Phil know. Groups will begin on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.30pm** and will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

## My favourite hymn and why

- Rachel Graves

One of my favourite hymns is '*From the heights of glory to a humble birth*'.

I love this hymn as it explains the good news about Jesus very simply through all the events of Jesus' life in heaven and then on earth, his death, resurrection, ascension and return. Through the verses we see not only facts about Jesus but the personal significance it can be to each one of us.

The first verse reminds us of who Jesus is and where he came from '*Lord of heaven came down to earth*' and then relates that to us, reminding us that it's the '*greatest story known to man*'.

The second verse shows us the humiliation that Jesus went through - '*humble stable*', - '*world of shame*', but he '*brought the love of heaven to hearts of men*' so we can have hope. Jesus did this for us – amazing.

The next verse about the significance of the cruel cross, nails driven – '*hands outstretched for me*'. What a reminder of what Jesus suffered for us.

The last verse and last chorus are about the hope that we have through Jesus. Because Jesus rose again and is now in heaven so he will come again and we can enjoy our life with him here and in the future.

I regularly need to be reminded not only of the facts of Jesus' life but how it should affect the way I live. I should be so thankful for a hope that is mine and can be for others too.

The chorus '*What a gift*' - To think that God should send Jesus for us as a gift so we can have a hope is an amazing fact, humbling, and challenges about how we live our lives here.