

Today's Stewards: AM Lawrence Hutton PM Nigel Barker.

Abbey Diary

Sunday: **Nicholson House service** today at 2.30pm.

Monday: **Abbey Toddlers**. At Abbey. 10am.

Thursday: **Kickstart**. 6pm.

Friday: **Abbey kids, 11up, Reboot**.

Cleaning

Saturday - Peter and Karen Akrill; Graeme and Diana Stonell.

Welcome to Clive and Kerstin

Our new assistant minister, **Clive Bowsher, and his wife Kerstin** are welcomed into membership today. Clive's **Induction Service** in on Sunday 1st October at 6pm, preceded by a tea at 4.30pm. Peter and Karen are organising the food and they would welcome offers of help.

Pilgrim Homes Sponsored Walk

Saturday 23rd September. Meeting at 10.30am at Radley Railway station, OX14 3AE. In aid of the en-suite project. 5 mile circular walk. Bring a picnic. Sponsor forms at the back of the chapel.

Help Needed

There is a particular need for a team on the Coffee rota for first Sunday morning in the month, but there are other gaps as well. If you are able to help, please speak to Beth.

Lord's Supper

During the service this evening we will be celebrating the Lord's supper (communion). This is a time for those of us who have put our faith in God to remember together Jesus' death as the means of our salvation from sin. In conjunction with baptism and commitment to a local church fellowship it is an important biblical response and expression of our love for the Lord.

Welcome to Abbey Baptist Church!

Our morning service is led by Peter Akrill, Simon will also be preaching from **Genesis 13 - Walking by faith**.

There is a staffed crèche for children aged 0-2.

Venturers for children aged 3-10 takes place during the service.

11Up on Sundays begins today for young people in school years 6-9.

Our evening service is led by Simon Hutton, John Lipp will be preaching from **1 Timothy 3 - Godliness with power**.

Tea and Coffee are served after each service.

There is a loop system installed and printed copies of the songs are available.

- **Following the successful membership vote** last week to adopt the new constitution and church handbook, we are printing copies of this to make available. Please speak to Simon if you'd like one, or would like to find out more about church membership.
- The **annual schools presentation** is taking place on **Monday 25th - Friday 29th September**. Volunteers are required each day. Please speak to John or Bethan if you can help.
- Our **Connect Groups** meet in local homes. All are welcome to join a group. For more information please see Simon.
- **Farewell Tea for Bob & Gwyn** today at 4pm at Hanney chapel. Everyone is welcome.
- **We wish all our students** well as they head off to university for the new-year, and commit to praying for them as they are away.



We live / walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5v7)

Introduction: the Family of Faith – retracing the events which shaped us

- Journey from Ur to Canaan – God’s promised blessing
- Faith tested (v5-9)
- Stepping into their sandals – what would we do then? What *do* we do now?
- Walking by faith or by sight is a *mind-set* evident in decisions/actions

Lot: an example of living by sight

- Selfishness (v10-11)
- Without regard for God’s promises (v12)
- Living too close to sin (v13)

Abram: an example of living by faith

- Repentance (12v9-20, 13v3)
- Worship (v4,18)
- Confidence (v9)
- Holding on to God’s promise (v14-17; Hebrews 11v13-16)

Jesus: the object of our faith

- ‘Jesus the Messiah, the son of Abraham’ (Matthew 1v1)
- Jesus Christ is the ‘seed’ of Abraham (Galatians 3v16)
- ‘If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed...’ (Galatians 3v29)
- An innumerable multitude... (v16; Revelation 7v9)

Conclusion: walking / living ‘by sight’ means having an earthly mindset, shown by actions that have little regard for the reality of sin or of God’s promises. Living ‘by faith’ means committing your life and your actions to Jesus Christ in repentance and worship, whilst confidently holding on to God’s promise as ‘heirs’ of the eternal heavenly city – the ultimate ‘promised land’ of glory.



Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of ... (v14)

False godliness

Alarming behaviour (v1-5)

Corrupt leaders (v6-9)

"Have nothing to do with such people" (v5)

True godliness

Paul's example (v10-11)

God's provision (v14-17)

The breath of God:

1. Agent of creation (Ps 33:6)
2. Brought life to Adam (Gen 2:7, Job 33:4)
3. Synonymous with the Holy Spirit (Is 42:5) "Holy Spirit, living breath of God"
4. Brought power to the disciples (Acts 2)
5. Source of scripture (2 Tim 3:16)
6. New life (Ez 37 - dry bones)

Word/Spirit: Sustains, empowers, equips, teaches, rebukes, corrects, trains in righteousness.



Coffee Cup Question:

What are you *really* like? Is the list of godless behaviour, in any way, reflected in your life? How can you open the way for God's breath to work in you?