

Today's Stewards: AM Beth Rolfe PM Steve Mayo.

Abbey Diary

Sunday: **After Hours** - 7.45-9pm. Please speak to Iain or Krista for more details.

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

Thursday: **Kickstart**. 6pm.

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

Cleaning

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

11Up needs your cardboard tubes!

11Up are collecting cardboard tubes and other suitable recycling for building a marble run later this term. Please save what you can and give it to one of the leaders. Thank you!

Welcome to Abbey Baptist Church!

Our morning service is led by Clive Bowsher and Clive will be preaching from **Genesis 23, 25 & Hebrews 11 - Living Faith**.

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

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

Our evening service is led by Chris Richards and Dan Bryant will be continuing the ministry series to mark the **500th anniversary of the reformation - Solus Christus (Christ Alone)**.

Tea and Coffee are served after each service.

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

- Our **Connect Groups** meet in local homes. All are welcome to join a group. For more information please see Simon.
- As we are in the process of becoming a new charity, members are being asked to **reaffirm their membership**. Forms are available from Simon. If you are currently not a member and would like to find out more about membership, **please see Simon**. Copies of our new constitution and church handbook are now available.
- There will be a **Reformation themed All Age Service** on Sunday morning on 5th November.
- 5th-12th November is the **Week of Prayer** - (please see both sides of the flyer inserted into the bulletin).
- **Christmas Choir** starting Thursday 2nd November. See Ruth Barker for details.



"Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:16a).

Introduction

- Words of hope and the power of hope
- Looking this morning at Gen 23, 25:1-11 using Hebrews 11.

Faith Looks Forward To What is Promised (Heb 11:1-3, 8-10)

- Faith is conviction about things hoped for, and about unseen, eternal things
- Real, living faith makes a difference to our choices, mind set and future hopes

Faith Looks Back & Sees the Hand of God (Gen 23, 25:1-11)

- Abraham, looking back at the end of his long life, had seen God keep his promises (despite his own failures)
- The promise of the land of Canaan was fulfilled, to begin with, in a seemingly undramatic, small way

Faith Trusts God's Promises Still to Come (Heb 11:11-12)

- God made a massive promise to Abraham ... much remained unfulfilled at the time of his death.
- What do we do when we can't see the whole picture, when we might feel confused and perplexed?

Faith Holds On For What is Better (Heb 11:13-16)

- At some point, our culture is forced to admit that its hope runs out
- Hold on to the end because the place we're going is better ... far more valuable, far more joyful, and far more wonderful than anything this world has to offer.

Coffee Cup Question:

In what ways does the wonder of the future that God has guaranteed for you strengthen and comfort you, and keep you holding on?



"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (v12)

Get the right main character.

Five Sacraments – channels of God's grace?

Replacing Christ

Why it matters

1. Who Jesus is.
2. What Jesus did.
3. The gospel is all about Jesus

What does it mean for us?

1. Are we living the Gospel plus?
2. Is Jesus first in your heart?



Coffee Cup Question

Are we adding anything onto the gospel in how we live our lives?
What are the idols or possible idols in our lives?