

Today's Stewards: AM Paul Sadler PM Nigel Barker.

Abbey Diary

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

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

Thursday: **Abbey Coffee Morning** at Station House. 10.30 am.

Kickstart. 6pm.

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

Abbey week of prayer details – please see separate flyer.

Cleaning

Saturday - Lawrence and Felicity Hutton; Ben and Tanya Robinson; Jim and Helen Sayers.

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!

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.*

Pilgrim Home Christmas Fayre is taking place 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday 2nd December at and in aid of the Framland Pilgrim Home, Naldertown, Wantage. OXON. OX12 9DL.

Phill and Vicky invite you to an open house afternoon in Harwell on Saturday 2nd Dec. Their postcode is OX11 0EZ. Just for reference 'Shimna' is 2nd house on the left as you turn into Church lane, with limited parking, but only a short walk from the church where there are more spaces.

Welcome to Abbey Baptist Church!

Our morning **Reformation themed - all age service** is led by Simon Hutton.

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

Our evening service is led by Simon Hutton and Simon will be continuing the ministry series to mark the **500th anniversary of the reformation - Soli Deo Gloria (God's Glory 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.
- This week - 5th-12th November is the **Week of Prayer** - (please see both sides of the flyer inserted into the bulletin). **All are welcome to join any meeting!**
- **Christmas Choir** continues on Thursday 16th November. See Ruth Barker for details.
- The **Quarterly Church Members Meeting** is on Wednesday 29th November, 7.45pm.
- The **new ministry schedule card** is available today.

Welcome to our all age service!

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This is a special service to mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

- Welcome
- Sing: *Bring to the Lord a glad new song*
- Prayer
- Drama: an introduction to Martin Luther and the 16th century church

Salvation

- Sing: *Who O Lord could save themselves?*
- Children's chocolate activity – gifted vs earned
- Romans 5v1-2: by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone
- Sing: *Man of sorrows, Lamb of God*
- Video – the life of Martin Luther in Playmobil...

Scripture

- The Bible into common language for ordinary people
- Gutenberg: printing press – children's activity in upper hall
- Bonfire night... burning books
- Luther's hymn in response to persecution...
- Read Psalm 46
- Sing: *A mighty fortress is our God*

Society

- Eventual separation of church and state: two kingdoms / cities
- Our good works should bless society
- Personal reflection and prayer – the need for inner reformation
- Sing: *We will stand*
- Closing prayer

Soli Deo Gloria (God's Glory Alone)

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*Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10v31)
For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen. (Romans 11v36)*

Introduction: another key Reformation battle

- Context: human glory? Mary, Canonisation, Saints, the Pope etc.
- What is the right understanding of *our* honour and glory, and God's? (Psalm 8)

What is glory?

- God's inherent light shining (Revelation 21v23; Hebrews 1v3)
- God's inherent praise-worthiness and reputation – right to be worshipped
- He 'clothes' us and the world with reflected his glory (Psalm 8)

How do God's works bring him glory?

- Creation of all things (Revelation 4v11)
- Purposes for all things (Romans 11v36)
- Reign over all things (Revelation 5v11-13)
- Judgement of sin (Psalm 29)
- Redemption of all things (Ephesians 1v3-14)
- Jesus' mission for our salvation (1 Timothy 1v15-17)
- Giving 'all things' to his people in a glorified new creation (Rom 8v20-21,28-30)
- His glory over all the earth for ever (Psalm 57v5,11; Phil 2v11)

How can we bring glory to God?

- In whatever we do! (1 Corinthians 10v31)
- God is glorified when we serve in his strength (1 Peter 4v11)
- Spreading the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3v7-18)

Conclusion: everything is created to reflect God's glory back to him, so creation and creator are in perfect harmony. We best fulfil our eternal purpose when we live consciously to glorify God as we await the heavenly glory he has secured for us.