

Today's Stewards: AM Lawrence & Felicity Hutton 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.

Wednesday: **Mission Prayer meeting** 7.45pm at Abbey.

Thursday: **Abbey Coffee morning**. At Old Station House. 10.30 am.

Kickstart. 6pm. Preston Road Community centre.

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

Cleaning

Saturday - John and Bethan Lipp; Iain Baker; Geoff and Beth Rolfe.

Lord's Supper

During the service this morning 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 John Lipp and Clive Bowsher will be preaching from **Revelation 1:1-7**.

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

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

Our evening service is led by Clive Bowsher and Dan Bryant will be preaching from **2 Corinthians 4:16- 5:10**.

Tea and Coffee are served after each service.

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

- Today we start a **new sermon series: The Lamb Upon His Throne** - the book of Revelation. Term cards are available at the back of the chapel.
- **The short book** that accompanies our sermon series is available today for just £8.50: **Revelation for Everyone**. See John or Iain for your copy!
- **Holiday club** will run 9.30-noon on Tues 13th - Thurs 15th February. Helpers required! Please let Beth know soon if you can help with the club.
- **Quarterly Meeting for Church Members** is on Wed 31st January at 7.45pm.

"Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come...and from Jesus Christ...the ruler of the kings of the earth." (Rev 1:4)

Introduction

Who is in charge? Who, or what, really calls the shots in this world?

What is fighting to gain your allegiance and capture your heart at the moment?

(1) Words from Christ the King (1:1-4)

A letter, a visionary prophecy, and the trustworthy word of God: from God to Jesus Christ to his angel to John to ... You!

(2) Grace and Peace from Christ the King (1:4-6)

How we respond to these words depends on who we believe Christ is. Is Jesus "the Alpha and the Omega" to you, the one "who is to come"?

We can only know God's generous love and peace by receiving Christ as King of our hearts and lives.

(3) Victory and Freedom from Christ the King (1:5-7)

Do you really want a King? Why or why not? What sort of King wins your heart and allegiance?

Mourning now.

For Personal Reflection

What areas of your life do you need to bring actively under Christ's rule at the moment? Take them regularly to him in prayer today and this week.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Cor 4:18)

Introduction

What do we fix our eyes on? What does the world fix their eyes on?

(1) Life in our Tent (4:16-5:5)

(2) Hope in our House (4:16-5:5)

(3) Please as our Goal (5:6-10)

For Personal Reflection

Do you care more about this life than the next? Is pleasing God a priority for you?

