

Order of Service

Song: O Worship the King all glorious above

Prayer

Song: Holy Spirit, living breath of God

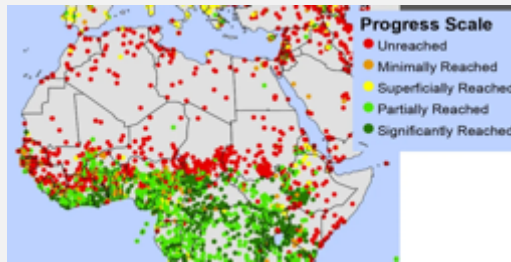
Bible Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 & Romans 6:1-4

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Rock of Ages

- It was good to have the Wilkins family with us last week. Please pray for believers in Niger, and Togo. May they be faithful witnesses of God in their communities.
- The Apostle Peter calls on us to “make every effort to add to your faith” the following qualities: goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. *“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*



*Though love is sometimes cold,
and joy still ebbs and flows,
yet peace with God remains
secure:
such faithfulness He shows.*

*I change, but He does not:
His truth can never lie;
His love, not mine, upholds my
faith:
for Jesus reigns on high.*

- Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him

I hear the words of love,
I trust in Jesus' blood,
I see the mighty
sacrifice
and I have peace with
God.

Sunday 2 August 2026

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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Notices

Membership- Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Baptism- After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48).

Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon

Wilkins family – There are prayer cards on the table. Please pray for Ben and Antonia Wilkins, with Theodore, Cedric, Jemima and Domonic.

God's Word:

Aug 2 - Romans 6:1-4 (Do you understand your baptism?)

Aug 9 – Romans 6:5-10 (Alive in Christ)

Aug 16 – Romans 6:11-14 (Sin shall not be your master!)

	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
Kids' Talk	Doug	Stuart	Linda
Door	Eamon	Eric	Cameron
Morning Tea	Bardens	Jacque + Sam	Edith + Lorna

Romans 6:1-4

Do you understand your baptism?

- The passage before this has largely been about two men who define all of humanity: **Old Adam** and **Christ**.
- In Christ is grace, righteousness and eternal life (5:21).
- God's grace more than covers sin (5:20)
- There are four questions in these verses.

We need never fear God's grace (v.1)

- *"Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" (v.1) "By no means!" – or the King James Version: "God forbid!"*
- We are afraid that grace will increase sin.
- Thomas Boston tried to tell people how to live, but with little reference to the new life in Christ. His friend (John Dysert who used to take pistols into the pulpit with him!) quietly suggested to him that if he *"entered on preaching of Christ, you would find it very pleasant."*
- God's power and goodness are such that grace leads to obedience and holiness – and properly understood, never to more sin.

A Christian has died to sin and lives to Christ (v.20)

- From the moment of conversion, we died to sin! We cannot continue living under its power any longer.

*Let the water and the blood,
from your riven side which flowed
be for sin the double cure:
Save me from sin's guilt, and power.*

Do you understand your baptism? (v.3-4)

- Belonging to Christ means His death, His burial, and His resurrection is ours too. Notice:
 - Everything in Christ is counted to us.
 - We are baptised into Christ Jesus – and nobody can be half-baptised any more than you can half-belong to God's family.
 - As a result of belonging to Christ, every believer has a new life to live.
- Whenever Luther felt attacked by the Devil, he repeated the words that he wrote on his desk in chalk: **"I am baptised."**

Baptism points to union with Christ, and that means everything.