

Order of Service

Song: All Creatures of our God and King

Prayer

Song: Psalm 84

Bible Reading: 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Matthew 25:14-30

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Be Thou my Vision

- From a friend, re Pakistan:
"Please pray for Shakeel. He shares... with individuals in the majority Muslim population in the main city of Baluchistan. These days there are more killings... Yesterday he was asked to take the funeral of a couple of young Christian men who were randomly shot while playing cricket... Such is common." Pray too for the Bible correspondence course as they are *"seeing more coming to faith than before."*
- May God open eyes to see Christ: *"Repentance means realising that the old way of life is empty; only the new way of following Christ will bring fullness of life (S. Ferguson)."*



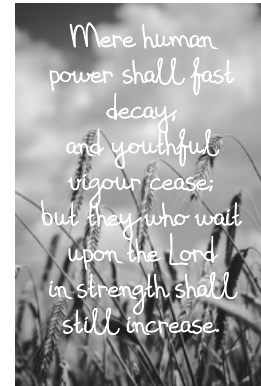
"If love weakens among us, if it ever becomes possible to tolerate the least shadow of an unloving thought, our Fellowship will begin to perish. Unlove is deadly. It is a cancer. It may kill slowly but it always kills in the end."

- Amy Carmichael

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 19 July 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 – Ben and Antonia Wilkins, with their four children will be with us on Sunday 26th July. It will be good to hear about the situation in Niger and to pray for them.

God's Word:

July 19 – Matthew 25:14-30

July 26 - Romans 6:1-4 (do you understand your baptism?)

Aug 2 – Romans 6:5-10 (Alive in Christ)

	July 19	July 26	Aug 2
Kids' Talk	Alex	Graham	Doug
Door	Cameron	Val	Eamon
Morning Tea	Helen + Beulah	Stantons	Bardens

Matthew 25:14-30

God has given to each of us

- Jesus spoke this parable privately to His disciples on the Tuesday before His death.
- *The Parable of the Ten Virgins* (v.1-13) tells us to be ready.
- *The Parable of the Talents* (v.14-30) shows us what this looks like. It means using what God has given us for His glory.

The Master entrusts what is His to His servants (v.14-15)

- What do the talents represent? Do not narrow it down. It is anything by which we may know, love and glorify God – creation, our tongues, our time, other believers, God's Word...

The servants do something or nothing (v.16-18)

- The issue is not *how much* the servants gained, but that they did something with what had been entrusted to them.
- Verse 18: *"the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."*

The Master returns (v.19-28)

- Verse 19: *"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."*
- Romans 14:12, *"So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."*
- Verse 23: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things."*

The principle: faithfulness is rewarded (v.29-30)

- The faithful are approved, praised and gain a reward.

Faith always shows itself. The 'talents' differ in nature and size. We are to faithfully show something with what has been entrusted to us.

Faithfulness is blessed by God and rewarded (see 1 Cor. 3:12-13)