

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 am

The Gospel, the good news about Jesus, is so wonderful, so powerful that we don't need anything else. Every issue we face finds its answer in that good news and it is the rescue that the people we meet every day so desperately need. So we are going to begin with a dive into the good news - and learn some useful verses along the way! *David*

Date/Type	Theme	Readings	Leader	Preacher
5 May MW	Good wins	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-24 Hebrews 9:24-28 Focus v27	Neil	David
12 May HC	Mercy wins	2 Cor 5:16-21 Isaiah 52:13- 53:9 Focus 1 Pet 3:18	David	<u>David</u>
19 May MW	The Spirit and Mission (Pentecost)	Acts 1:1-11 Luke 4:16-21	Andy	David
26 May MW	Death loses	Acts 2:22-41 1 Pet 1:3-5 Focus: v3	Hovan	David

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May 2024



Samuel, Georgina, David, William and Katy

'I have hidden your word in my heart.' Psalm 119:11

At church we are working through 'Two Ways to Live.' It is a simple outline of what we believe as Christians. As part of it we have the opportunity to learn its 6 Bible verses.

I've been memorising Bible verses for a number of years now and people often ask why I bother when we've got Bibles on our phones. Well, there are loads of reasons but here are 4:

- 1) **Jesus did.** At the most stressful times in his life, he used his memory verses;
- 2) As we spend time learning a verse, **God's word goes deep and starts to change us** from the inside out. In the quotation from the psalmist above, David sings about hiding God's word in his heart. He meant thinking about God's word so carefully that it started to shape how he thought and felt;
- 3) A memory verse becomes **a tool ready to hand** when we most need it. When I was coming round after an operation... *Continued overleaf*

Revd David King Vicar of Broadfield

David writes ...

and felt really unsettled, God used one of my memory verses to help me. If the Bible is a toolkit with every tool we need, our memory verses are the tools we have in our tool belt;

4) ***We understand the Bible better.*** The process of reading the verse again and again, as we memorise it, helps us to understand it more deeply.

So, why not give it a go?

Note David's challenge to us, over his first 8 weeks as Vicar, is to memorise and meditate on these 6 short Bible passages:

Revelation 4:11 Romans 3:10-12 Hebrews 9:27

1 Peter 3:18 1 Peter 1:3 John 3:36

May they indeed go deep and change us from the inside out!

Points for Prayer and Praise from David and Katy (and for all of us)

1. **Thanksgiving** for God's clear call to Christ the Lord and this community in Broadfield and Crawley.
2. **Pray that we will be sanctified and faithful** as individuals and as a family, putting God first and growing more like Jesus.
3. **For protection for our marriage** under the pressures of ministry, for time for each other, mutual support and love.
4. **For integrating into Christ the Lord church**, forming good relationships, being accepted, and communicating well.
5. **Pray that we will pray** - protection for our prayer life, making time and space for time alone with God, and praying as a couple and as a family.
6. **For courage from God**, not fear of people (or big dogs!), to act and to speak with confidence, compassion and generosity.
7. **Pray that God will speak to us all** through David's preaching, opening doors in our minds and hearts to imagine and hope for what seems impossible: to see the daily events of our lives as opportunities to point to Christ and the Good News about Him.

WHAT'S ON?

WEEKLY at CtL

Sundays

10 - 10.45 am

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10.30 – 10.45 am

11 am – 12.15 pm

Mondays

10 am - 12.30 pm

THIS MONTH

Every Tuesday

10 – 11 am

Every Thursday

9.30 am – 1 pm

Sunday 5 May

After the 11 am service

Thursday 9 May

7.30 pm

Sunday 12 May

3.30 pm

Monday 13 May

c.10.30 – 11.30 am

Tuesday 28 May

12 - 1.30 pm

Special Notice

Thursday 9 May –

Sunday 19 May

CtL Kids church (term-time only) in the Small Hall by foyer kitchen.

Prayer for the service in the side chapel.

CtL service in church followed by refreshments.

Monday Munch Community Café (term time only) – good food, low cost, free chat!

Parish Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Tilgate followed by refreshments.

The GATE Fairtrade coffee shop at St Mary's church, Southgate – closed 2 May (Election Day).

Shared Lunch at CtL in the Church Foyer. Bring for yourself and, if you can, something to share.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Holy Trinity, Tilgate, with Holy Communion. Come and learn more about our parish's 3 churches and pray for God's work in and through them. All welcome.

Messy Church at Holy Trinity, Tilgate in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

Special craft activity with Juliette during Monday Munch. *Coffee and craft – why not join in?*

Ensemble Reza free music concert at CtL. Refreshments at 12, concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm. Brazilian music with Andria, Mario and friends.

Thy Kingdom Come Christians around the world praying each day, from Ascension Day to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus. See the [website](#) for the [2024 resources](#).