

We give you a warm welcome to our service today, which will be led by :

Barry Chiesa

Sermon: **Ben Daniell**

Mark 15:25-32 Come down and save yourself!

We've been told:

we want you to be _____;

or we want you to be _____

The bottom line: is God good?

Small group notes:

1. Discuss whether you identify with either of the two backgrounds we covered. How has this affected your general outlook on life? Has it affected how you deal with God?
2. How would our relationships be different if we didn't hold back out of fear or self-preservation? If we looked to love and serve, rather than insisting our own needs are met?
3. Has anyone got any testimony of NOT taking the easy way out and instead trusted God in the darkness? Even if things ended up worse? What happened in the end?
4. It can be so hard to submit to the suffering of the cross, even if others are trying to convince us to come down. Take time to pray for each other and encourage those in pain to not give up seeking God.

(NB I am indebted to Larry Crabb's 'Finding God' and the probing insight his book presents. I highly recommend it for further reading.)

Children and Youth

Children's Church

The children join the adults and Youth for worship during the first part of the service and then go to their own groups around 10.45am.

Youth

In term time the younger youth (11 to 14 years) meet together on Sunday mornings 3 weeks out of 4, around 11am.

We would love you to join us for tea, coffee or squash after the service.



If you are visiting us for the first time, or would like to find out more about us, please come over to the 'Welcome Lounge' after the service.

About the Bridge Church

We gather together on Sundays to worship Jesus and hear His good news from the Bible and encounter the power of the Spirit.

We also meet together in various small groups during the week, where we make friends, grow, get challenged and loved and look to reach out to those who don't yet know the Gospel.

Events to look out for:
(PTO for all events)

Joining Day-Sun 17th Feb-4pm

Come along if you would like to find out more about the Bridge Church and it's values, visions and beliefs. Please let Andy know if you want to come.

World Day of Prayer-Fri 1st March-11am

This year this takes place at the Sacred Heart Church, Needingworth Road, St Ives. Everyone is welcome. A Lent Lunch of soup, bread and cheese is available afterwards, with donations going to Wintercomfort.

Ladies Breakfast-Sat 23rd March-9am

All ladies can invite their friends for breakfast at Best's Coffee Shop in St Ives.

NB Family Lunch—open to anyone who would be on their own after church on a Sunday. Please sign up, in advance if possible, on the list on the Welcome Table.

Our Vision and Values

'Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.'

2 Chronicles 7:15-16

VISION

A church on its knees in prayer.

What can we pray for to enable our vision?

- To seek the heart of God seriously and persistently for the church—to follow His agenda and not our own.
- Incredible generosity as a church—where we give willingly and generously, knowing that God gives even more extravagantly back to us. Paying back the money lent to us by the Open Door Church and blessing them with a gift.
- Teaching with more clarity
Worship with more freedom
Serving with more joy
- Teams selfless in pursuit of individuals on the edge of church—loving people into the church.
- Growth- 'A big church'. Continuing to reach out into our community and draw more people into the church. Continue and grow in serving our community. More small groups. Building an auditorium at the side of the church in order to serve 450 people.
- Plant a church—in the Norfolk/Cambridgeshire area. Pray for the Burgess family as they work towards this—for good health, a vision and plan for the future and people to join them on this 'God adventure'.

We are not taking baby steps in fear but giant steps in faith.

What is your part in the vision?

The Week Ahead

Sun	Feb	10	10:00-10:30	Prayer before church
Mon	Feb	11	09:00-15:00	Church in Marketplace
Tue	Feb	12	10:00-12:00	Ladies Bible Study
Thu	Feb	14	09:30-11:00	Babies & Toddlers
Fri	Feb	15	19:00-21:00	Bridge Youth

Special Events

Sun	Feb	17	16:00-18:00	Joining Day
Thur	Feb	28	19:00-21:00	Prayer Meeting
Fri	Mar	1	11:00-12:00	World Day of Prayer

Changing Lives with Gods Love,

Grace and Power

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'Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track.'

Proverbs 3:5-6