

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

Sermon: **Rebecca Burgess**

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

Wow! - God's unmeasurable forgiveness

Ouch! - Forgiving others

Warning! - Consequence for unforgiveness

Small group questions:

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you.'

Ephesians 4:32

Wow! - spend time praising God and thanking Him for His amazing forgiveness.

Ouch! - discuss the parable and the importance (and challenge) of forgiving.

Warning! - give opportunity for forgiveness. Spend time praying for each other.

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 11am.

Youth

In term time the younger youth (11 to 14 years) meet together on Sunday mornings 3 weeks out of 4, around 11am. The 4th Sunday is 'Serving Week' - the youth come at 10am to serve the church in a variety of ways.

We would love you to join us for tea, coffee and 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.

Prayer Ministry - if you would like someone to pray with you after the service please go over to the Prayer Ministry corner at the back of the church.

NB. Please do not take any photographs or videos without permission.

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)

Thank-You Offering today - for Barry as he takes early retirement, in appreciation for all his hard work and dedication to this church and its people over the years.

Alpha Course-Sun 26th Jan-6.00pm

This will take place at the church. Refreshments and food will be served from 6pm with the course starting promptly at 6.30pm.

Ladies Breakfast-Sat 8th Feb-9am

All ladies are invited to bring their friends along to the church for breakfast.
Cost:£3.50-please put your forms and money in the box on the Welcome Table.

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 and serve our community. More small groups and courses. Building an auditorium at the side of the church in order to serve 450 people. Becoming a resource centre to other churches and church plants both in this nation and abroad.
- Plant a church-in Ely. Pray for the Burgess and MacLellan families 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	Jan	26	18:00-20:30	Alpha Course begins
Tue	Jan	28	10:00-12:00	Ladies Bible Study
Wed	Jan	29	13:00-15:00	Crochet Club
Thu	Jan	30	09:30-12:00	Babies & Toddlers
Fri	Jan	31	19:00-21:00	Bridge Youth
Sun	Feb	2	10:00-10:30	Prayer before Church

Special Events

Sat	Feb	8	09:00-11:30	Ladies Breakfast
Tue	Feb	25	19:30-21:30	Men's Curry Night
Wed	Feb	26	10:00-11:30	Morning Prayer Meeting
Thur	Feb	27	19:30-21:00	Evening Prayer Meeting

Changing Lives with God's Love,
Grace and Power

26th Jan 2020

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'

Luke 6:37