



(Independent)
Middle Road, Sholing,
Southampton SO19 8FS



June 2018

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

10.30am

Morning service includes Junior Church and Crèche
(Also includes Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month)

6.30pm

Evening Service (Communion on 5th Sunday)

Tuesday

10.00 - 11.30am Mustard Seed Toddler Group

2.00pm

Tuesdays at Two (2nd and 4th)

Wednesday

7.00 - 10.00pm Craft Evening (1st and 3rd)

7.15pm

Table Talk (2nd)

Thursday

10.00am

Toddler Group

10.15am

Bible study (1st and 3rd)

6.00pm

Sunshine Corner (for ages 4 and up)

7.15pm

Fantastics and TnT (for ages 8-11 and 11-16)

1st Day of each month

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

If on Mon - Friday 6.30 to 7.30pm

If on Saturday the Friday preceding

If on Sunday the next day (Monday)

House groups also meet through-out the week at different locations and times.

Please ask for details if you wish to join. All are welcome.

Wheel chair access available

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A song that we are going to sing this Sunday evening (3rd) contains the phrase, "Your grace and mercy are free."

Just reflect for a moment on that. If they weren't free what would we have to pay?

The TV programme Third Rock from the Sun revolves around the lives of three geeky men and an attractive young lady. The lovely lady decides to give Sheldon, one of the geeky men, a gift. He is not too pleased. It creates a huge dilemma. He wishes that she never bought and never told him about the gift. He cannot settle and his friends ask him what is the matter. He explains that it is not really a gift because now she will expect something in return. She hasn't given him a gift ... she has given him an obligation. He must now give her something of equivalent value. And, as he doesn't know what the gift is, how will he know how to repay it?

In typical geeky fashion he comes up with a foolproof plan. He purchases and wraps up 4 or 5 gifts of differing value and hides them in his room. When he opens the gift from her he will excuse himself, go to his room, and select the equivalently priced gift. The others he can then return to the shop for a refund. Problem solved.

How much is grace worth?

it is God's grace that so powerfully works within us Acts 4:33

it is through grace that we are saved Acts 15:11

it is the word of his grace that gives us an inheritance Acts 20:32

it is by his grace we are justified and redeemed Rom 3:24

it is through his abundant gift of grace that we reign in life Rom 5:17

it is by being under grace that we are no longer under law Rom 6:14

it is according to grace that we all have differing gifts Rom 12:6

it is grace that works within us 1 Cor 15:10

it is grace that causes thanksgiving to overflow 2 Cor 4:15

it is grace that causes us to excel in giving 2 Cor 8:7

it is through grace that we are rich 2 Cor 8:9

It is his grace that gives us power through weakness 1 Cor 12:9

it is the richness of his grace that gives us redemption and forgiveness of sins Eph 1:7

it is by grace that we preach the boundless riches of Christ Eph 3:8

it is by understanding God's grace that we bear fruit and grow Col 1:6

it is according to the grace of God that Jesus is glorified in us 2 Thess 1:12

it is by his grace that we have eternal encouragement and good hope 2 Thess 2:16

it is because of his grace that he saved us and called us to a holy life 2 Tim 1:9

it is by grace that we are heirs and have the hope of eternal life Titus 3:7

it is by the grace of God that Jesus tasted death for everyone Heb 2:9

it is grace that helps us in our time of need Heb 4:16

it is by grace that our hearts are strengthened Heb 13:9

and it is the God of all grace who will restore us and make us strong,
firm and steadfast 1 Pet 5:10

So, how can we repay God's grace? We can't. If we could then grace would not be grace.

What does Sheldon do? Well, overwhelmed by the value of the gift he has been given, he rushes into the bedroom, picks up every single gift that he has, and gives them all in thankfulness and appreciation.

Pastor Chris Ricketts

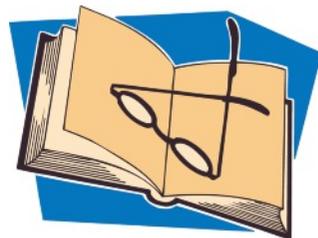


The whole Church Prayer Meeting

**Monday 2nd July
6.30pm**

A Good Read

"I won't preach about hell; Christianity is about relationship." : "some people go tell hell?' I though Christianity was about Good News." : "Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company." Misguided : Mislead : Mistaken – BUT what does God say?



Erasing Hell: What God Said about Eternity, and the Things We Made Up, 2011 by Francis Chan & Preston Sprinkle, published by David C. Cook.

Written by Sprinkle & Chan it has to be an American book! But it is none the worse for that. Who wants to even think about hell? Christians do. And they must think about it in the light of what God says and we know what God says through the Bible. If you don't believe that last statement please talk to someone who does. They can help you.

The premise of the book is that hell is real, is a place of punishment and has no end and that is what the Bible teaches. That should concern everyone. It is too often treated lightly, ridiculed and satirised even by some Christians. How can God be loving and still send people to hell? There is an answer and this book presents it in a way that is readable and leads people to the point where they decide to spend eternity because there is a place where God's love and justice meet. A slim book for non-Christians who are serious about knowing the nature of God. And for Christians who want to know what the Bible really says about hell.

Helpful.

**HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATES FOR
THIS YEARS
SHOLING BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY HOLIDAY 2018
AT LOCKERLEY WATER FARM**

Saturday 11th August till Saturday 18th August

Sundays at Sholing		
	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6.30
June 3 rd	Pastor & Michelle report	Pastor
June 10 th	Neil Maddock	Gerald
June 17 th	Pastor & MAF report	Generate - Tom Wederell
June 24 th	Mike Peach	Pastor



**TUESDAYS
AT TWO
June 2018**

12th **The Leprosy Mission**
Martin Pitman

26th **“Encouraging Prayer”**
Betty Vivien





House Groups for June

Please check with the house group leader for dates of House Groups this month.

Across

1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)

7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)

8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)

10 'We are hard pressed on every—

'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)

11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)

13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)

15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)

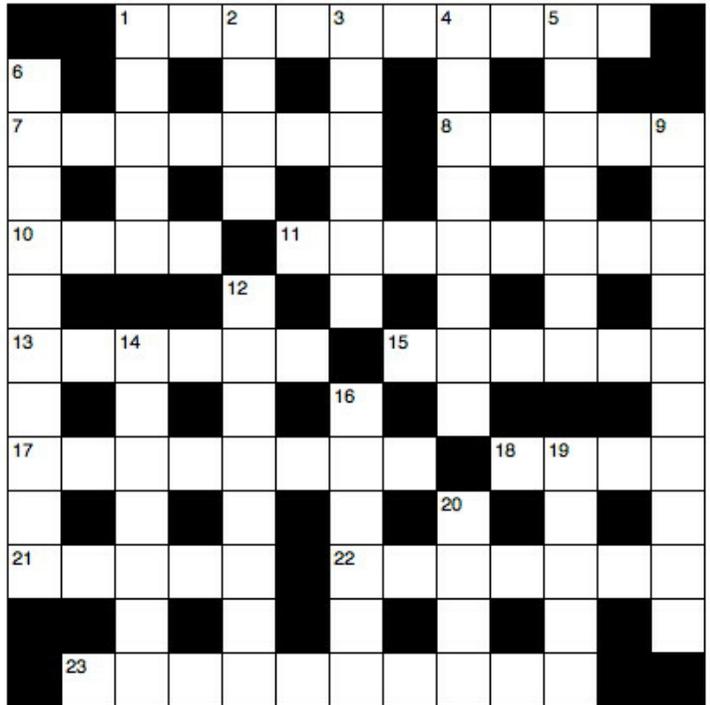
17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)

18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)

21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)

22 Or I live (anag.)(7)

23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)



Down

1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)

2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)

3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)

4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)

5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)

6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)

9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)

14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)

16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)

19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)

20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)



Look out for details of Quiz Evening coming soon - date to be advised

Short prayers

Prayers don't need to be long to be acceptable to God. For instance, consider:

Peter (Matt 14.30): Lord, save me.

A Canaanite woman (Matt 15.25): Lord, help me.

Samuel (1 Sam. 3:10): Speak, for your servant is listening.

Psalms 43.3: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Christians in later years have adopted the same form.

Michelangelo: Lord, make me see your glory in every place.

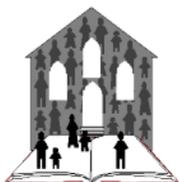
Gladys Aylward: O God, give me strength.

William Barclay: O God, keep me from being difficult to live with.

Francois Fenelon: Teach me to pray. Pray yourself in me.

John Wesley: O Lord, let us not live to be useless, for Christ's sake.

Why not practise saying a simple sentence prayer of your own each day?



Sholing Baptist Church, Middle Road
Annual Charity Shield
Friday 13th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Max Team size 6 people

Any age

No Charge but

Donations Welcome

Funds raised will go to

“Eastleigh Borough and Romsey Mencap Society ”

(chosen by last year's winners)

Evening will include short Christian talk by

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