

“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.” (Hebrews 8:1,2)

THE DOXOLOGY: 709 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

HYMNS: 165 “Join all the glorious names”

338 “Lord, speak to me, that I may speak”

168 “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,”

BIBLE READINGS: Amos 3 : 1-8 Suzanne HART

1 Timothy 1 : 1-11 Mignon GOSWELL

SERMON: “Christ and Paul”

WELCOME:

The Session welcomes you to our service today. We trust that you will find it a means of spiritual enrichment and encouragement. If you are a visitor, we offer you a special welcome and trust that you feel at home in our Church. We invite you to make yourself known to those on duty and sign the visitor’s book in the porch.

Today, during the absence of our minister on holidays, we welcome to the pulpit **Rev Dr Greg GOSWELL** who will conduct our service of worship.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. For the persecuted Church where Christians are imprisoned for their faith and their only crime is that they know and love the Lord Jesus and want to worship Him. *Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.* — Hebrews 13 : 3. For this week - Cameroon.

1. **CAMEROON.** Generally, Cameroon enjoys political stability. The country comprises about 70% Christian, 20% Muslim and 10% traditional African tribal beliefs. In the north where the country borders Boko Haram’s base in north-eastern Nigeria, rural Christian communities are routinely subjected to Islamist violence. For example, two Boko Haram suicide bombers blew themselves up and killed seven people including the village chief and two teenage boys, on 25 April 2020 in the small border town of Amchide. This town which is majority Christian, has been attacked many times by Boko Haram. The United Nations estimates that more than 170,000 Cameroonians, mainly Christians, have been forced to flee their homes; others “hide out” in the hills, or travel to a town, for safety at night rather than stay in their beds. Barnabas Fund.

2. For those recovering from illness, particularly **Will RENSHAW** as he recovers from his fall, that their health will continue to improve, and for those in care situations.

3. For congregation member **Ian HILL.**

4. **Motor Isaac & Julia YAT** from the Clayton Church and serve with APWM in refugee camps in Ethiopia.

COMING EVENTS:

5 - 12 - 2021 Rev Graham Bradbeer @ 11 am (Communion)

“Some folks carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden, instead of in their hearts like a song.” — Dr W. Evans

THE UNCHANGING ONE

Jesus Christ . . . the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever.
Hebrews 13:8

In conclusion. He is the same forever. The phrase that the writer actually used was most suggestive. "Forever," is all together too mechanical. It is trying to say everything. Let us dare to be poetic in company with the Bible. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday today and to the ages! They come, they pass, they go! The year has broken, the year has dawned. It is for us a new age, but a hand breadth, but a span; but it serves to illustrate everything that is suggested by the phrase, to the ages.

We are always at the beginning of a new age. Behind us are ages; before us are ages! Now the writer says that this One Who came into human history and human life, and Whom He names Son of God, Jesus, Christ, is the same to the ages! At the beginning of this letter he declared that this One fashions the ages, determines their nature, limits their duration, includes their forces.

Heaven will never be monotonous. There will always be new satisfaction for the heart. We shall never become satiated with the things spiritual. The unfathomed deeps and distances of the ages lie before us, but He will lead us through them. Therefore am I no longer afraid of the vastness of the outlook.

That Living One is in our midst now, calling us to rest. He is the centre of all that is permanent, the spring of all that is fresh. Dare I be afraid? Amid the shock of battle, the stress of life, and the overwhelming perplexities of things, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and forever.

March on my soul, without fear or faltering, for the Pierced Hand holds the sceptre of the universe! All is well!

from a sermon by Dr G. Campbell Morgan
(Westminster Chapel - London)



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