



**St Helen's
Bishopsgate**

Name

Long weekend away

2019



**Ashburnham Place,
Battle, Sussex**

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Welcome message

Welcome to the 2019 long weekend away. We hope and pray you will all quickly feel a part of this wonderful gathering and will be strengthened as we sit together under God's word. A very special welcome to our mission partners who have travelled from afar to be with us.

We encourage you to make the most of the weekend. Some tips: talk to someone you have not spoken to before, join in the afternoon activities, chat about the topics taught during the breaks etc.

The timetable on the back gives an overview of what is happening throughout the weekend. Please listen out for details of Saturday and Sunday afternoon activities during the morning sessions.

Should you have any questions about any aspects of the weekend, please speak to Wendy Kasenene.

Site information

External doors

There is an entry code for all external doors (5674#). Please make sure they are closed behind you. You should have received a card with the code on arrival.

Front gates

The front gates are automatically locked between 5.30pm and 6.30am (10pm on Fridays). There are no Ashburnham staff on duty after 11pm. Please use the access code 5674# at all times when the gates are closed.

Wi-Fi code

If you'd like one, please request it from reception

Quiet please

Please refer to the information Ashburnham provides in your room and respect the times of quiet advised.

First aid

A first aid kit is available throughout the weekend at the welcome desk.

Emergencies

During reception opening hours please advise reception and they will contact the duty manager for help. Ashburnham does not have night staff, but a member of the senior team is on emergency call between 11pm – 7.30am. Please call internal extension 16573 - phone by the reception steps.

The nearest pharmacy is in Battle and the nearest A&E department is at the Conquest hospital, The Ridge, Hastings TN37 7RD (01424 755255).

Fire alarm

In the unlikely event the fire alarm sounds, follow the exit instructions on the back of bedroom doors.

During timetabled sessions, children's helpers are responsible for bringing children in their care to the relevant meeting point for that building. If the alarm sounds during evenings, parents should collect their children already in bed and bring them to the meeting point.

Using the lake

Swimming and boating is permitted within a designated area of Broad Water during daylight hours. The cordoned swimming area is to the west of the boathouse at the end of the south lawn. You will have received a copy of Ashburnham's policies and conditions set by its insurers prior to the weekend. Where relevant, you will have also signed the appropriate disclaimer on behalf of

your children, should you wish for them to use the lake. Paper copies of both of these are available at the welcome desk or speak with Wendy.

Games

There is a games room (open during reception hours) with a pool table, table-tennis tables and table football. Croquet and football can also be played; please ask at reception for equipment. You'll also be told where you can play. (Please ensure that children are supervised at all times.

Nursery

The nursery (on the ground floor at Tent Hill House) has toys and games, a kitchen with a fridge and microwave, a washing machine and an enclosed outdoor play area.

Vacating bedrooms and checking out

All rooms must be vacated by 10am. Please strip your beds of sheets, duvet covers and top pillow cases and leave them outside your rooms. Please return your room keys to the St Helen's welcome desk and put any lanyards in the box on the welcome table.

1 Timothy

Speaker: William Taylor



William grew up on a farm in Cornwall. He served in the British Army as an Officer in the Royal Green Jackets for five years before being ordained. In 1995 he joined St Helen's Church and became Rector in 1998. William is married to Janet and they have three children – Emily, Digby and Archie.

“William Taylor is a dashing fellow. An army officer before he became a priest.” Alex Preston, the Independent

“The minister at St Helen's Bishopsgate, William Taylor, was formerly an officer in the British Army. There is not a wimpy bone in his body.” Don Carson, The Gospel Coalition

1 Timothy 2:1 – 15

I Give You This Charge (ii)

Introduction

1. Prayer that reflects the desire of God

- the scope of our public prayer
- the breadth of God's saving desire
- the extent of Christ's redeeming work

2. Order that reflects the work of God

- heavenly men – man up!
- well dressed women – dress up!
- ordered relationships

Conclusion

1 Timothy 3:14 – 4:16

I Give You This Charge (iii)

Introduction

1) The Church and the pillar and buttress of truth 3:14 – 16

- the household of God

- the church of the living God

- pillar and buttress of the truth

- the mystery of godliness

2. The truth and the demonic insincerity of liars 4:1 – 5

3. The man and the devoted immersion in truth 4:6 – 16

- put these things

- command and teach these things

- practise these things

Conclusion

1 Timothy 6:2b-21

I Give You This Charge (iv)

Introduction

1. The household of God and its order

2) The puffed up swervers and their support vs 2b–10

- vs 2b-5 the different doctrine and its fruit

- vs 6–10 the love of money and its fruit

3. The highly charged man and his pursuit

Conclusion

Psalm 110

Speaker: Roger Day



Roger is responsible for small groups and leading the ministry associate programme at Chalmers Church, Edinburgh. Before this, he worked with us at St Helen's. Roger is married to Jessi and they have two children – Grace and Josh.

Psalm 110

Introduction

Why is this the best place to be this weekend?

What are we looking at and why?

Psalm 110...

...As applied to Christians today in Hebrews

Suggested personal reading to get our bearings:

Pray and read Psalm 110, considering these questions:

1) **Who is Jesus?** (What roles is he appointed to here?)

2) **Where is Jesus?**

3) **What is Jesus doing?** (now, and in the future?)

NB:

- 'the LORD' = *Yahweh, the Covenant God of Israel.*
- 'my Lord' = *The Messiah, the promised greater David to come (i.e. Jesus!)*
- *So David is effectively overhearing a conversation from God the Father to God the Son.*

Psalm 110:1-3

Jesus The Ultimate King

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (Psalm 110:1)

Intro: Is Jesus an imaginary friend?

(cf. Acts 2:32-36)

1. Jesus is already enthroned as God's King...

...but is currently, temporarily, opposed

Verse 1a

Verse 1b

Verse 2a

Verse 2b

2. So keep going in willing service...

**...enduring the cost of living for an
opposed king**

Verse 3

Hebrews!

Hebrews' warning to endure:

³⁵ Therefore **do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have **need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. (10:35-36)
Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, **lest we drift away** from it. (2:1)

Hebrews' way to endure:

3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus**, the apostle and high priest of our confession, (3:1)

12:1-2 let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith... ³ **Consider him**... (12:1-3)

3. By listening to King Jesus above all other voices

Hebrews 1:1-4; 1:13-2:4

a) No other gospel

b) All areas of life

c) Every time we hear the Bible

Psalm 110: 4

Jesus the Eternal Priest

⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:4

Intro: How is your spiritual life right now? Do you feel confident in God's presence after how this week/month has gone?

Hebrews says "consider Jesus": which involves knowing him as our Melchizedek-like priest...

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, ... "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 5:5-6)

⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:9-10)

Hang on, can't we leave Melchizedek talk to the Bible geeks?

No! Hebrews 5:11-6:2

*¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. ^{ESV} **6:1** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...*

NB. Psalm 110:4 is now a fixed fact of the universe we are in

(God says, by oath, no change of mind)

1. Jesus the enthroned king is also Jesus the PRIEST. BOTH!

a) Which is really good news for sinners

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:3-5)

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. (Psalm 51:16)

b) Because King Jesus came and stood in our shoes as our priest

- Our sympathetic yet sinless helper

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16; cf. 2:18, 5:1-2)

- Our flesh and blood death-substitute

⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus...so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ... ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ... ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:9, 14-17)

2. Jesus the priest-king is SAT DOWN: so atonement is COMPLETE!

a) Sat down finished, not needing a top-up (annual, weekly, daily or otherwise!)

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3)

...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:10-14)

b) Sat down at God's right hand, granted permanent entry into the most holy throne room

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. (Hebrews 8:1-2; cf. 4:14; 6:19-20)

Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. (Hebrews 9:24)

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come.. ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. (Hebrews 9:11-12)

3. Jesus the priest-king sat at God's right hand is an ETERNAL priest. ALWAYS!

a) Appointed by God's permanent oath

(Hebrews 6:13-20)

b) An indestructible priest has no need for, or chance of, replacement

[Jesus] has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ... ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:16-17; 23-25)

→ So we must keep confidence in him alone

(Hebrews 10:19-23)

a) *boldness to approach the throne and ask for help*

b) *fully cleansed conscience*

c) *fearing any alternative way to approach God*

Psalm 110:5-7

Jesus The Conquering Judge

¹ *The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."*

⁵ *The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. (Psalm 110:1,5)*

Intro: I just want to be safe... where is safe?

1. We currently live in the day of God's gracious, patient waiting

Psalm 110:1, Acts 2,
2 Peter 3:8-10

- Because King Jesus is also the priest, offering forgiveness

¹⁷ *"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²² *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--*

²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

*³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "**The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool."**" ³⁶ **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."***

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." (Acts 2:17-24; 32-40)

2. But, don't be deceived, the day of wrath will surely come Psalm 110:5-7, Psalm 2:8-12;
2 Peter 3:1-7

- Because King-Priest Jesus is also the judge, appointed to bring perfect justice

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31)

- Unstoppably powerful (Psalm 110:5, 7)
- Universally global (Psalm 110:6)
- Shattering enemies (Psalm 110: 5, 6)

So then... how should we respond?

➔ **Warn others out there?** Yes (e.g. Matthew 28:18-20, all of Acts from 1:8!)

But don't overlook ourselves....

➔ **A) Hebrews 3:7-4:1 – Today when you hear his voice, watch your own and each other's hearts**

Don't find yourself on the wrong side of God's oath, failing to enter rest

➔ **B) Hebrews 10:24-31 – Keep spurring each other on, to not walk away from Jesus [cf. 12:25-29]**

Don't find yourselves facing the living God with no priest

→ C) Hebrews 11:1-12:3 – Rather, live by faith in God’s currently unseen promise

Don’t trust your experience now more than God’s eternal oath!

Conclusion: Keep going by considering Christ and where he’s sat: what an amazing Jesus we serve!

	JESUS	
The Ultimate King	Is sitting	Already-enthroned
The Eternal Priest	at God’s Right Hand	Atonement-complete
The Conquering Judge		Awaiting-return

Questions for reflection:

- 1) Which aspect of Jesus’ three roles in this psalm do I think about or cherish least? Why?
- 2) How does each of Jesus’ roles here spur me on in the Christian life?
- 3) What would it look like for me [and my family] to live more consciously and consistently in light of who he is and where he is sitting right now?
- 4) In busy London life, how practically can we help ourselves and each other remember where Jesus is sat?