



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 29 October**

***... so that your daily life may win the  
respect of outsiders...***

***1 Thessalonians 4:12***

# **Morning Service**

**Building Healthy Churches**

**Living to please God**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

**Rev Stuart Smith**

**Come we that love the Lord  
and let our joys be known:  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.**

**Let those refuse to sing  
that never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King  
must speak their joys abroad.**

**The men of grace have found  
glory begun below;  
celestial fruits on earthly ground  
from faith and hope may grow.**

**The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets,  
before we reach the heavenly fields  
or walk the golden streets.**

**There shall we see His face,  
and never, never sin;  
there from the rivers of His grace  
drink endless pleasures in.**

**Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through  
Immanuel's ground  
to fairer worlds on high.**

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**Prayer**

## 1 Thessalonians 4. 1-12

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

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<sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

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<sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. <sup>10</sup> And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,

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<sup>11</sup> and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, <sup>12</sup> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

# Children's Talk

**Teach me to trust You, Lord Jesus,  
help me to draw close to You.  
Let me be filled with Your joy and delight,  
Lord, may I know more of You.**

**Teach me to pray to You, Jesus,  
please give me the right words to say.  
Help me to pray for my friends at school,  
so they may get to know You.**

**Teach me to love You, Lord Jesus,  
show me the things I must do.  
Help me to get to that place, O Lord,  
where I can be close to You.**

*Iain Craig*

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**Prayer**

**My soul finds rest in God alone,  
my rock and my salvation,  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.**

**Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.***

**Find rest my soul in God alone  
amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go  
don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.**

*O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.*

**I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in Him completely.  
With every day pour out my soul  
and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death  
and I am His forever.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.***

***Aaron Keys & Stuart Townend***

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**Prayer**

# Message

**Building Healthy Churches**  
**Living to please God**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

**Prayer**

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# **Evening Service**

**The Kingmaker**  
**Faithfulness in ministry**  
**1 Samuel 12:1-25**  
**Rev Stuart Smith**

**Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made  
this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.**

**So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that  
You're my God:  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days,  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above,  
humbly You came  
to the earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor.**

**So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that  
You're my God:  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.**

**And I'll never know  
how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.**

**And I'll never know  
how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.**

**So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that**

**You're my God:**

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.**

*Tim Hughes*

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# Prayer

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

Samuel said to all Israel, “I have listened to everything you said to me and have set a king over you. <sup>2</sup> Now you have a king as your leader. As for me, I am old and grey, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day. <sup>3</sup> Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the LORD and his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated?

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Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these things, I will make it right.”

<sup>4</sup> “You have not cheated or oppressed us,” they replied.

“You have not taken anything from anyone’s hand.”

<sup>5</sup> Samuel said to them,

“The LORD is witness against you, and also his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.”

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“He is witness,” they said.  
<sup>6</sup> Then Samuel said to the people, “It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the LORD as to all the righteous acts performed by the LORD for you and your ancestors.

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

<sup>8</sup> “After Jacob entered Egypt, they cried to the LORD for help, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

<sup>9</sup> “But they forgot the LORD their God; so he sold them into the hand of Sisera, the commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hands of the Philistines and the king of Moab, who fought against them.

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

<sup>10</sup> They cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned; we have forsaken the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths. But now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve you.' <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD sent Jerub-Baal, Barak, Jephthah and Samuel, and he delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around you, so that you lived in safety.

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<sup>12</sup> “But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was moving against you, you said to me, ‘No, we want a king to rule over us’—even though the LORD your God was your king. <sup>13</sup> Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for; see, the LORD has set a king over you. <sup>14</sup> If you fear the LORD and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the LORD your God — good! <sup>15</sup> But if you do not obey the LORD, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors. <sup>16</sup> “Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes! <sup>17</sup> Is it not wheat harvest now?

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

I will call on the LORD to send thunder and rain. And you will realize what an evil thing you did in the eyes of the LORD when you asked for a king.”

<sup>18</sup> Then Samuel called on the LORD, and that same day the LORD sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel.

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<sup>19</sup> The people all said to Samuel, “Pray to the LORD your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king.”

<sup>20</sup> “Do not be afraid,” Samuel replied. “You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. <sup>21</sup> Do not turn away after useless idols.

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. <sup>22</sup> For the sake of his great name the LORD will not reject his people, because the LORD was pleased to make you his own. <sup>23</sup> As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

## 1 Samuel 12. 1-25

<sup>24</sup> But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. <sup>25</sup> Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will perish.”

# Prayer

**Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;  
I find rest in Your presence,  
and fullness of joy.**

**In worship and wonder I behold Your face,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

*What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.*

*What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.*

**Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;  
through the storm You're the beacon,  
my song in the night.**

**In the shelter of Your wings,  
hear my heart's reply,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

*What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.*

*What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.*

**Lord all sov'reign,  
granting peace from heav'n,  
let me comfort those who suffer  
with the comfort You have giv'n.  
I will tell of Your great love  
for as long as I live,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

***What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.  
What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.***

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# Prayer

# Message

**The Kingmaker**  
**Faithfulness in ministry**  
**1 Samuel 12:1-25**

**Prayer**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter,  
and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

***Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923***

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Church Calendar

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