



Hardwick Happenings

Sunday, 15 March 2026

10:30am

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

[Series: Luke.]

Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

6:00pm

Scripture: 1 Kings 10:1-29

[Series: 1 Kings. Number 9]

Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

Activities this week

Monday, 16 March

Revive @ Liz's house 10:00am
Prayer @ Church noon
Discovery 6:00pm
Youth Group, boys 7:30pm

Tuesday, 17 March

Prayer @ Church 9:00am
GA 6:00pm
Youth Group, girls 7:30pm

Wednesday, 18 March

Toddlers 10:00am
Prayer on Zoom 1:00pm
Homegroups 7:30pm

Thursday, 19 March

Prayer @ Church 9:00am

Friday, 20 March

Prayer @ Church 7:00am
Knit, Craft, and Share 10:00am

Sunday, 22 March 2026

am Luke 15:11-32

Preacher: Matt Oliver

pm 1 Kings 11:1-43

Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

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And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Prayer items

Our Church

Sunday Club Adventurers

Praise

- for the children who attend Sunday Club regularly, for their attentiveness during the Bible teaching, and the questions they ask during and after the teaching.
- for the leaders who give their time to serve in Sunday Club.

Pray

- for the salvation and spiritual growth of the children in Sunday Club.
- for the Lord's provision of a leader or helper to serve in Sunday Club, as we are short.

Mission

SGA

Praise

- for the 16th group of 26 students who graduated from the Slavic Gospel Association Mission School in Balti, Northern Moldova at the end of last November after completing the two-year Bible training course, designed to prepare men and women for a wide range of ministries in their spiritually needy land.

The students' achievements were marked by the presentation of their diplomas, along with several hard-copy and digital books.

Church planting has been a major part in Gospel advancement, and under the supervision and counsel of SGA's Regional Coordinator, students have been prepared and equipped to establish small but strong churches, committed to ongoing evangelism and the teaching of God's people.

The Mission School training is so highly valued that the 17th group of students, commencing studies this month, is over-subscribed

- for the evangelical witness in every second village in Northern Moldova. In the early 1990s, it was 1 in every 14-15 villages.

Pray

- for this ongoing SGA ministry of training and supporting students in preparation for a lifetime of Gospel ministry.
- for SGA's Kyrgyz Bible Project. Bible Mission Churches across Kyrgyzstan are helping to distribute 30,000 Bible sets to people who have never heard the Gospel. Each set contains a book of 100 Gospel narratives—especially suited for children or those new to the Christian faith—along with one complete Bible in the Kyrgyz language.
- that the Holy Spirit will open blind eyes and that many Kyrgyz people will come to a living, personal faith through hearing the Word of Christ.

Other Churches

Grace Church, Hartlepool –

Pastor Ben Parker

Give thanks

- for the regular contact we have had with international people in Hartlepool through our Globe Café over the past 18 months. In February we started a morning session for internationals who cannot attend the evening session.

Pray

- that God would bring people along and for opportunities to share the gospel with them.
- for a monthly theology course that we launched in September for people in Grace Church. Give thanks for the 35 people who are doing this and pray for ongoing energy to work hard at this and that it would deepen our knowledge and love of God.
- that God would provide for us in our need for a new roof (6 figures).

Notices

Thursday, 26 March 2026 7:30pm

Sunday, 29 March 2026 6:00pm

Saturday, 04 April 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm

Pie & Peas Quiz night

Big Questions evening

Easter Family Trail

Thought for the week

Walk Through Romans 8:18-25 –

Part 2 – Creation Waits

Is suffering for Christ, and because of Christ worth it?

Like the parable of the Sower (*Matthew 13:1-23*), many receive the gospel with joy, but when suffering comes, they wither, give up, and walk away.

However, in *Romans 8:18*, Paul writes

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

But why does Paul think this, why should believers endure?

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:19-21

What does Paul mean by ‘frustration’? The ESV uses the word ‘futility’ which conveys uselessness or emptiness. In other words, creation lacks the meaning and purpose it once did. When sin entered the world in Genesis 3, everything changed. God subjected all creation to this ‘frustration’ and in that judgement, we were separated from God, and His perfect creation became imperfect.

Therefore, in hope, creation waits for the glory that was promised to be fully revealed and realised, so that it, like believers, may be restored to its original, intended and perfected state as it was before the fall.

But how does all this link to verse 18? – Stay tuned for part 3.

Darrell Wilkinson

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1. Placing your gift in the offering box at back left of the main hall
2. Direct Giving using the church account details
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