

**Home
Groups**

Groups meet at No 27 on Sunday evening @ 6.30pm, on Tuesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (during school term time) & also on Wednesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (studies continue in The Gospel According to John). For more details on our Home Groups speak to Sun Park.

Prayer

We meet to pray on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm:
2nd August, 'National needs' (at No. 27, Andrew to lead).
9th August, 'Godlessness in the UK' (at Sun & Naomi's, Sun to lead).
16th August, 'World mission' (at Beth & Geoff's, Steve to lead).
23rd August, 'Church needs' (at Pauline's, Geoff to lead).
Week commencing 27th August, prayer triplets, 'Persecuted church and believers'.

Leaders

The elders meet to pray every Wednesday morning at 8am & for business on Tuesday 15th August at 10 am (at No. 27).
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**Dates for
the diary**

*Church Picnic, Sunday August 20th (after the service).
Celebrating the Reformation, Saturday 28th October.
Keswick 2018, 20th-22nd April (provisional).*

August 2017 - 'Reformation'

August 6th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 & 3:4-8, 'Christ Alone'.



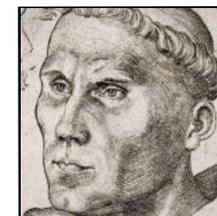
August 13th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on Ephesians 2:1-10, 'Grace Alone'.
The service includes communion.



August 20th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on Romans 3:21-26, 'Faith Alone'.



August 27th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on Matthew 6:5-13, 'Glory to God Alone'.



Communion & notices - Sun Park.
Co-ordinator - Geoff Wildsmith.
Requests for intercessory prayer to be given to Andy Wood.

The Heidelberg Catechism.

'First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism (which derives its name from Heidelberg in Germany) has been used by Christians around the world ever since. The Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers. Simple yet profound, as well as concise yet sufficient, the Catechism has been appreciated by young and old alike as one of the most clear, helpful and comforting guides into all the spiritual treasures of the holy gospel. The gospel is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Rom 1:16). The Heidelberg Catechism helps you discover just how powerful the gospel really is, and "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"(Eph 3:18).

If the word *catechism* sounds unfamiliar to you, don't be too surprised. It's not used as commonly today as it was in the past. However, it's not a complicated word. If you trace back its origin it comes from a Greek word (*katecheo*) which simply means *to teach*, especially when the instructor is speaking face-to-face with the students.

The Heidelberg Catechism is not a replacement for Scripture. It is meant to lead you deeper into the Word of God, not draw you away from it. That's why under each... *Question and Answer*... you'll see lists of Bible references, often called *prooftexts*. Even though each list is selective, it gives you an idea which Bible passages the Catechism is summarizing in each answer'. (taken from: <http://www.heidelberg-catechism.com/en/>).

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer:

That I am not my own [1]

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—[2]

to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. [3]

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,[4]

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. [5]

He also watches over me in such a way [6]

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven; [7]

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.[8]

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life [9]
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him[10]

1 1 Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

6 John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17

Question 2: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Answer: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;[1] second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; [2] third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance. [3]

1 Rom. 3:9-10; 1 John 1:10

2 John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43

3 Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10

<https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/HeidelbergCatechism.pdf>

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Church Rota

August	Children's talk	Creche helper	Sunday School helper	Refreshments	Intercessory prayer
6th	Geoff	Michelle	Jimmy	Beth	Pauline
13th		Becky	Beth	David/Jimmy	Elke
20th	David	Elke	Sue A.	Becky/Michelle	Geoff
27th		Michelle	Kebede	Elke	Steve