

I BELIEVE... In Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...
Reading: John 1:1-14, Hebrews 4:14-16. (by Bro. Roger Williams)

Matthew and Luke tell us about our Lord's conception and birth. Both tell us that Mary became pregnant "by the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:28-35) and Luke makes it clear that she was a virgin, one who had had no sexual intercourse with a man. Here was a creative act of God, providing the necessary genetic material to fertilize the egg in Mary's womb: nothing further from the crude accounts of gods coupling with human women in Greek and Roman mythology could be imagined.

From Christ's birth, the Creed moves straight on to His death. The mention of Pontius Pilate puts this into a clear historical setting. Pilate was Prefect or governor of the Roman province of Judea between AD 26 and 36, and is recorded as having been hated by the Jews for his severity and lack of consideration for their religion and customs. Complaints had been made about him to the Emperor Tiberius, which helps to explain why he gave in to the demands of the Jewish leaders when they warned him "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar" (John 19:12). So Pilate ordered Christ to be crucified, washing his hands publicly in an attempt to evade responsibility (Matthew 27:24).

So Jesus was crucified at Pilate's command: He "was crucified, dead, and buried..." Crucifixion was a very unpleasant method of execution, reserved by the Romans for slaves and the worst of criminals. The victim, after being flogged, was nailed or bound to a wooden stake or cross by the hands and feet (ankles), and left there to die. Death came slowly: the suspended position of the body was extremely painful and made breathing difficult, while dehydration and blood loss led to a fall in blood volume and possible heart failure. The victim might survive for a few hours, or for several days. Where required, death was hastened by breaking the victim's legs with a club: this could cause death from traumatic shock, and in any case would prevent the victim pushing himself up with his legs in order to breathe so that suffocation would quickly follow. This was done to the two criminals crucified with Jesus (John 19:31-32).

The significance of the manner of Jesus' death may be found in Deuteronomy 21:23, quoted by Paul in Galatians 3:13 - "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Paul and Peter make the meaning perfectly clear: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13), for "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). There on the cross, Jesus took upon Himself the guilt and penalty of our sins. See also Romans 5:6-8 and Hebrews 9:28.

The completeness of His death is also emphasized: He was dead and buried, and "descended into hell" or, better, "the place of the dead." There was no question of Jesus only appearing to die on the cross, no chance at all that He merely fainted and recovered later in the cool of the tomb. The Roman execution squad made sure of that (John 19:31-34).
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歡迎弟兄姊妹投稿分享個人見證、數算主恩，中英皆可。請將見證交給陳月明牧師或電郵 info@bcc.org.uk。
 We welcome brothers and sisters to share their testimony with us here. It can be written in English or Chinese. Please submit your testimony to Pastor Irene Chan or email to info@bcc.org.uk.

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Programme Today 程序表

下午pm

01:30	Sunday Service	主日崇拜	04/03/2012
	Chairman	主席	Cantonese Group (Bee)
	Worship	敬拜	Cantonese Group (Bee)
	C/W Interpreter	翻譯	Cantonese Group (Bee)
	Pianist	司琴	Grace / Risa *2
	Guitarist	結他	
	Speaker/Interpreter	講道/翻譯	Capernwray Bible School students
	Projectionist	投影	Cantonese Group (Bee)
	Communion	聖餐	
	Steward	司事	Cantonese Group (Bee)

02:10	Sunday School	主日學	
	Creche	育嬰班	Li Zhu/Hong
	Infant	幼兒班	Grace/Ivy
	Intermediate	中班	Alice
	Bible Class	聖經班	

03:00	Tea Fellowship	茶點	
	Chair	主持	Kenneth/Kevin C
	Preparation	茶點預備	Gordon & Yuen Tai's group

03:45 Bible Study (Mandarin) 國語聖經班 Please contact Christina Xu

04:00 Prayer Meeting 祈禱會 Please contact Stella Liang

感恩與禱告 Thanksgiving and Prayers

- Elizabeth 姊妹已回家休养，祈求她能早日复原。Elizabeth is now home. Please pray for a good healing process, gradually getting back her strength and a full recovery.
- 丽珠的 Home Office 上诉聆讯将于 3 月 19 日举行，请诚心为薛斌，丽珠和嘉莹一家祈祷，求神会给予一个好的裁决。Xue Bin & Li Zhu & Abigail have been informed that the hearing of the Home Office 's appeal against their case will take place on 19 March. Please earnestly pray for them and God will grant a good outcome.
- 请继续为我们教会的财政祷告，求主在我们的侍奉和牧职中来彰显他的计划和旨意。Continue to pray for the provision of finance for the work of our church. May God show us His plan and direct us to fulfil His missions.
- Stella 姊妹已回香港处理岳父岳母的安老安排，求神赐 Darwin 的父母能有最合适稳妥的安老计划。Stella has gone to Hong Kong to sort out care arrangement for her elderly in-laws. Pray that she will be able to arrange a suitable help-care plan for Darwin's parents.
- 请为胡艳芬姊妹祷告，希望她的肩膀得好转并能早日从香港回来。Pray for Fun that her shoulder will get better and she will return to UK from Hong Kong soon.
- 请为叙利亚的动乱祷告。求神给予不安稳的局势一个和平的解决方法。Pray for the conflicts and deteriorating situations in Syria. May God bring a peaceful resolution to the desperate situations.
- 请为英国的基督徒祷告能够信仰坚定成为主的见证，尽管在这个国家基督徒正逐渐地被边缘化。Pray for the Christians in UK to stand firm and be witnesses for the Lord despite being increasingly marginalised in this country.

報告 Announcements

- 上周主日崇拜出席人数 Last Sunday Service Attendance: 65;
上周奉献总额 Last Week's Total Offering: £130
- 教会屋将开始整修，愿意参与帮忙的请联络 Barry 和 Jim。If you can help in re-decorating church house, please contact Barry or Jim.
- 新一届教会执事会将举行第一次会议，如果您有任何问题或事项提交执事会讨论，请联络张国威弟兄或房新民弟兄。The new Church Council will hold the first meeting soon, if you have any issues or items to raise for the agenda in this meeting please contact Kevin Cheung or Kenneth Fong.
- 主日崇拜当值表将根据查经班组别编定，再加入其他弟兄姊妹负责某些岗位。而负责主日茶点预备分组不变。The rota for Sunday Service in the main hall is now based on different bible study groups, with some positions filled by named individuals whilst the catering team for tea fellowship remains unchanged.
- 恭喜 Jay 弟兄今天于香港举行婚礼，他毕业于百福大学并曾为 BCCC 会员。Congratulations to our Brother Jay Lee, who studied in Bradford University and was a BCCC member, had the wedding ceremony in Hong Kong today (4 Mar 12).

主日事奉輪值表 Sunday Service Duty Rota

Sunday Service	主日崇拜	11/03/2012	18/03/2012
Chairman	主席	English Friday Group	Mandarin Sunday
Worship	敬拜	English Friday Group	Mandarin Sunday
C/W Interpreter	翻譯	English Friday Group	Christal
Pianist	司琴	Grace	Bee *1
Guitarist	結他		Derek/Joshua
Speaker/Interpreter	講道/翻譯	Pastor Irene Chan	Andrew Moss
Projectionist	投影	English Friday Group	Mandarin Sunday
Communion	聖餐		Mr Li, Johnny
Steward	司事	English Friday Group	Mandarin Sunday

Sunday School	主日學		
Creche	育嬰班	Alice/Nan Ai's Auntie	Ah Zhi/Esther or Bob
Infant	幼兒班	Karen/Xiao Mei	Christina/Margot
Intermediate	中班	Janet	Communion
Bible Class	聖經班	Elizabeth	

Tea Fellowship	茶點		
Chair	主持	Johnny/Victor	Kevin C/Fung
Preparation	茶點預備	Pauline's Group	Victor & Christina's group

聚會時間表 Weekly Meetings

星期	時間	聚會	地點	聯絡人
Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
一 Mon	11:00	國語查經班 Mandarin Bible Study	22 Rooley Lane, BD5 8LX	Sis. Pauline
二 Tue	10:30	祈禱會 (隔周) Prayer Meeting (Bi-weekly)	教會屋 Church House	羅李元帶姊妹 Yuen Tai Law
四 Tue	10:30	粵語查經班 Cantonese Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	羅李元帶姊妹 Yuen Tai Law
四 Thu	19:00	粵語查經班 Cantonese Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	溫康妮姊妹 Connie Woon
五 Fri	19:30	英語查經班 English Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	Bro. Andrew Moss
日 Sun	13:30	主日崇拜 Sunday Service	Sunbridge Road Mission	房新民弟兄 Kenneth Fong
日 Sun	14:10	主日學 Sunday School	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis. Margot Williams
日 Sun	15:45	國語查經班 Mandarin Bible Study	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis Christina Xu
日 Sun	16:00	祈禱會 Prayer Meeting	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis. Stella Liang
日 Sun	17:30	開放教會屋 Open House	教會屋 Church House	Sis. Vivien Moss