

## Feedback

## The Grace

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

**Amen.**



How to Fail Really Well  
Billericay & Little Burstead Team  
Lent Course  
Christ Church, Billericay  
Wednesday 5 April 2023 at 7.30pm

## Welcome

Song - New Jerusalem, Bryn Haworth

## Confession

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins. For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, forgive.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## How to fail really well

- 1) Live with the mess
- 2) Make friends with the ordinary
- 3) When you 'get up and go' has 'got up and gone'
- 4) In every season
- 5) Fail widely (learn to make different kinds of mistakes)
- 6) Know your besetting sins
- 7) Allow others to fail
- 8) Know how to lose an argument
- 9) Feel the fear and do it anyway
- 10) Play the fool
- 11) Failure is never final

## Questions

1) What relationship do you see between the mess of your life and God's providence?

2) How do you learn from failure and how is this connected to awareness of your besetting sins?

3) How does the suggestion to accept others' failure but not to define them by their failure appeal to you?

What would the consequences of this be in your life?