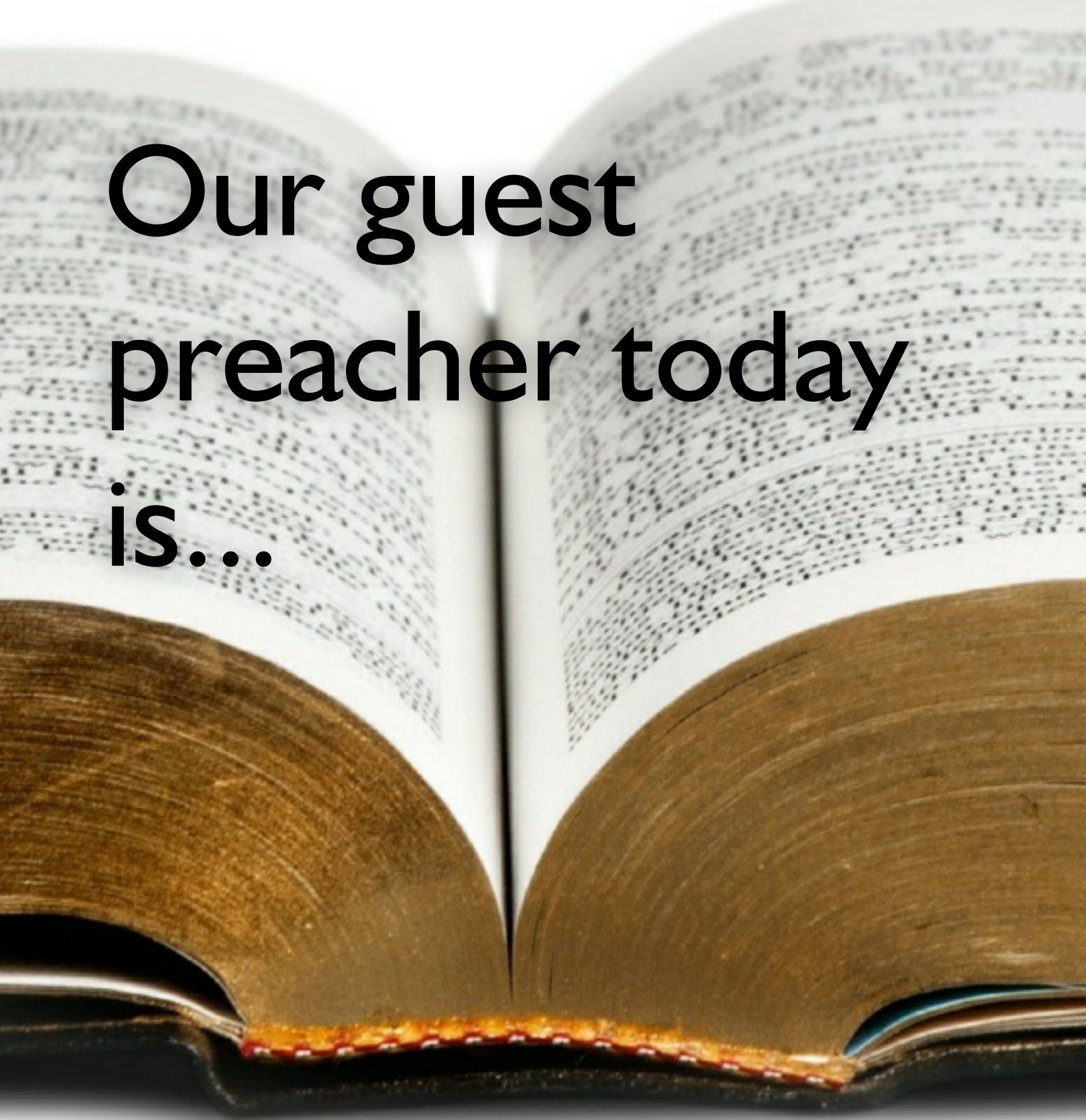




**Our guest
preacher today
is...**

**The Revd Owen Griffiths
Ferndale**



When Prayer is Impossible.

Romans 8:26

1. Opening prayer.
2. Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
3. Bible reading: Romans 8:18-30
4. Prayer. (Appendix 1)
5. Hymn: Spirit Of The Living God
6. Watch and listen to the Sermon.
7. Discuss the questions. (Appendix 2)
8. Hymn: Jesus Lover Of My Soul
9. The Benediction.



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Appendix 1

Let us pray.

Holy and gracious God,
We come before You in awe of Your mercy.
You are the One who searches every heart,
And who understands us more deeply than we understand ourselves.

In our weakness, You do not turn away.
You do not wait for us to find the right words,
Or expect us to hold everything together.
You draw near in compassion,
And Your Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

When grief leaves us speechless,
When anxiety overwhelms our thoughts,
When fear grips our hearts and we cannot find the prayer to pray,
You are still with us—
Present in the silence,
Working in the mystery,
Lifting our cries to the throne of grace.

Lord, we often do not know how to pray.
There are days when the needs feel too
great, The pain too raw,
The world too broken.
And yet, You invite us to come.
You take the weight from our shoulders
And carry it in love.





In our times of difficulty, prayer becomes more than words—
It becomes a place of refuge.
A quiet room for our souls to rest.
A sacred space where we can bring our questions,
Our anger, our weariness,
And know that we are held.

Through prayer, You remind us that we are never alone.
Even when we are uncertain, You are steady.
Even when we falter, You remain faithful.
Even when our prayers are broken, You make them whole.
We ask that your Spirit, the Spirit of the Living God,

Would pray in us when we cannot,
Speak through our silence,
Comfort us in our waiting,
Strengthen us in our sorrow,
And guide us into hope once again.

Let prayer rise in us like breath—
Prayer that is honest and alive.
Let it be the rhythm of our days,
The song in our darkness,
And the quiet thread that ties us to You.

We thank You, Lord,
For the gift of Your Spirit,
And for the love that never lets go.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



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Appendix 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At what times in your life has prayer been especially important to you?
2. How do you respond to those times when prayer is particularly difficult?
3. Why do you think that the Apostle Paul puts so much confidence in the Spirit's intercessions on our behalf?

