



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY-SERVICE PHONE NO: 01738-239392

We warmly welcome you to our congregation and extend Christian greetings to you. You enter this church, not as a stranger but as a guest of God and as a friend of those who have gathered here today. So come with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service and, as you do so, may you experience God's loving presence, peace and hope.

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, help us to sense your hand drawing us here today, to guide, to challenge, nourish and nurture, opening up new experiences of your love and fresh insights into your will. As we approach you now in this hour of worship, we are hungry to meet with you once more and to hear your voice and answer your call. Draw near to us we pray. Amen

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship

Hymn 167

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Prayer

Bible Readings

Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-52



Hymn 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found —
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight —
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him —
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Sermon

MP 400

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing ev'ry blessing
If our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us
All our weakness Thou dost know.
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Though the desert Thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Prayers for Others

Hymn 159

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt
him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK - CYBER SECURITY

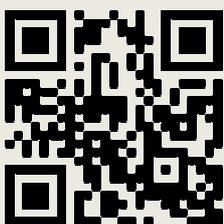
Creator God, the internet and modern technology open up amazing new worlds of information and communication. Please grant wisdom to experts in this rapidly changing arena to promote what is best and to protect us from harm. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father, we ask that more young people may receive relevant education and be prepared to embrace the opportunities that digitalisation is delivering for work life, business, social interaction, learning, and spreading the gospel of Christ. Grant them insight and creativity in their work. Amen.

Lord, please give those working in GCHQ the information, skills and determination they need, especially in crisis situations, to identify and disrupt security challenges and terrorist plots that threaten life, stability and peace. Lead them for Christ's sake. Amen.

Heavenly Father, please help those of us who regularly use the internet on our phones, tablets and computers to be vigilant and wise. May we be aware of any cyber threats and not be deceived by rogue phone calls, texts and emails. By Your grace. Amen.

Lord, we are grateful for the meticulous work of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to prevent cyber-attacks and build resilience in computerised systems. Grant success as they partner with others to collect and analyse information and take effective action. In Christ's name. Amen.



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