



Welcome

5th March 2023
St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Blessed be God for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

Blessed be God for ever.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Song

Praise my soul, the king of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to anger, swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our human frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
all who dwell in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Let us confess our sins

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led
by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was
tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before
God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

Song

When I was lost You came and rescued me

Reached down into the pit and lifted me

O Lord, such love

I was as far from You as I could be

You know all the things I've ever done

But Jesus' blood has cancelled every one

O Lord, such grace to qualify me as Your own

Chorus

There is a new song in my mouth

There is a deep cry in my heart

A hymn of praise to Almighty God – hallelujah!

And now I stand firm on this Rock

My life is hidden now with Christ in God

The old has gone and the new has come

Hallelujah! Your love has lifted me

Now I have come into Your family
For the Son of God has died for me
O Lord, such peace
I am as loved by You as I could be
In the full assurance of Your love
Now with every confidence we come
O Lord, such joy to know that You delight in us

Chorus

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings

Genesis 12:1-4

John 3:1-17

Song

Talk

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And Help us to listen
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Let us confess our faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song

I Believe In Jesus

I Believe He Is The Son Of God

I Believe He Died And Rose Again

I Believe He Paid For Us All

I Believe He Is Here Now
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
And The Grace To Forgive

I Believe He Is Here Now
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
And The Grace To Forgive

Let us turn to God in prayer

Prayers of intercession

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us go out to serve God

Song

Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light

Jesus
Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song

Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus
Be my source, be my light
Jesus

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices to take home

Forth coming services

5th March

9.00 am Holy Communion – Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

10.30 am Morning Worship - Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

Wednesday 8th March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Andrew's

12th March

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship

Wednesday 15th March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Peter's

Messy Mother's Day

Sunday 12th March at 3.00 pm please email stpeterspedmore@hotmail.com to book a place

A reflective journey into prayer

For Lent 2023 see *flyers for full details*

8th March Liturgical Prayer

15th March Silent Prayer

22nd March Extemporary Prayer

29th March Disciplined Prayer

There will be some talk and discussion about different ways of praying and then we will have a go. Each evening will stand alone so feel free to come when you are able.

Thursday evening mixed home group

We meet fortnightly between 7pm and 9pm for prayer and bible study. New members are always welcome. For details contact Mary Medcraft on 01562 720165.



Coming in March

Alpha Course an open-minded exploration of the Christian faith starting 23rd March 2023 at 7.30 pm please contact Richard or Corrinne for details 01384 377699 or 07787161186 or 07810424506. Please let people know who might be interested in exploring the Christian faith



Meat-Free Lunch

There will be a bring and share meat-free lunch on Sunday 26th March in the Church Centre to celebrate Pauline's meat-free Friday idea. This has been embraced by the Church of England in it's strategy to reduce carbon. To find out about how Pauline's idea was taken up and how Lynn raised the idea centrally follow these two links

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/stories-blogs-and-features/why-might-christians-consider-cutting-down-meat-lent>



<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11746725/Will-Church-England-revive-tradition-eating-fish-Friday-meet-carbon-emissions-goal.html>

Sign up for the lunch at back of church indicating what you can contribute.
Any questions please ask Lynn or Pauline



Do something different for Lent in 2023
Join in our 80 Can Challenge Lent lasts 40 days and 40 nights so we challenge as many of you as possible to collect and donate 80 cans/packets of food to Black Country Food Bank.

Here are a few suggestions

- 1L cartons of uht milk
- 1L cartons of fruit juice (from concentrate)
- Breakfast cereal (medium)
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tinned meat ready meals (chicken curry/ minced beef and onion/fray bentos pies)
- Tinned potatoes/instant mash
- Small jars of coffee
- Tinned meat (ham/corned beef)
- Tinned fruit (preferably in juice)
- Tinned fish
- Packets of noodles
- Chopped tomatoes
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Roll on deodorant
- Toilet roll
- Single toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid
- Bars of soap

Donations can be left in church or the porch at The Rectory or the church centre

We need you as PCC members

In April we elect people to serve as Churchwardens, members of the PCC and Deanery Synod. As well as electing churchwardens; this year there are three places on the PCC to be filled and three on the Deanery Synod. For further information please speak to David Nichol – remember that without a wardens and a PCC the church won't continue to function.

Easter Flowers

There will be a box in church for donations towards Easter Flowers. Your generosity enables the Flower ladies to continue decorating the church at important Festivals.

Café Tuesday @ The Foley

Day trip to Chester on Tuesday 4th April. Depart approx. 9am from Church arrive back approx. 5pm.

Cost £20 Would anyone like to join us on this trip? Please contact Pauline if you want to know more