



Welcome

11th February 2024
St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

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!

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith,

to sing your praise with gratitude,

and to listen to your word with eagerness;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

The splendour of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see

How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
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How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Let us confess our sins

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have
sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive
what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly
with you, our God. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing.**

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,
that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,
for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit
**give praise and dominion, honour and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song

The light of Christ

Has come into the world;

The light of Christ

Has come into the world.

All men must be born again
To see the Kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit
Bring new life in God's love.
The light....

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world,
So that all men who believe in Him
Will live for ever.

The light....

The light of God has come to us
So that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins
We walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

The light....

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Song

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, Let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with you

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days

So highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly you came to the earth you created

All for love's sake became poor

Here I am

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

Here I am

Talk

Statement of 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.**

Let us turn to God in prayer

Prayers of intercession

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us; set us free
by the truth You now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,*

*flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood
I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me,
consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here,
may our lives tell Your story -
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, Shine.....

Holy God, may we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his
power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of
all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and
the welfare of all peoples; 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.

Sunday 11th February Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9

10.30 am Morning Worship 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday 14th February 10.00 am Holy Communion St Peter's
7.30 pm Holy Communion St Andrew's

Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15

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Wednesday 7th February 10.00 am Holy Communion St Andrew's

Prayers for Pedmore

Monday 12th February at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre – why not join us as we prepare for Lent.

Lent

Lent begins on 14th February – there will be two services of Communion that day to mark the start of Lent. This year there will be an evening course on worship it will be held on Wednesday evenings on 21st, 28th February 6th and 20th March at 7.30 pm in the Rectory. We will be looking at these four questions: why, where, when and how should we worship.

Thursday evening home group

We meet fortnightly for bible study, discussion and prayer between 7pm and 9 pm. New members to the group will be warmly welcomed. For details contact Mary Medcraft on 01562720165.

Quest

Has re-started with a study of John's gospel. If anyone would like to join our group you will be warmly welcomed. There is a free study guide. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm at Corrinne and Richard's home 44 South Road. Our landline number is 01384 377699.

Winter wellbeing

There is information available from the local council about how to stay safe during the winter go to www.dudley.gov.uk/winterwellbeing for information and tips.

Black Country Food Bank Shortages

From a recent report, "December was very busy but statistics, show food donations were more than 30% less when comparing November and December 2022 to the same months in 2023.

The weekly visits from the DMBC Welfare Rights Team provides assistance for our clients when faced with difficulties with their rent, council tax and benefits.

We continue to give a one off £10 Aldi voucher, tell our clients about the discounted tariff that they can apply for from Severn Trent Water or the South Staffs Water and signpost them for further help with employment, debt and energy.

As the weather warms up, donations of food and toiletries will tail off so we would value your prayers and your ongoing donations in the coming months. Although I don't think our client numbers will follow the same trend! Thank you for all of your support."

The latest needs are: 1Ltr Cartons Long Life Milk, 1Ltr Cartons Long Life Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal – Multipack, Packet Mash Potato, Pasta Sauce/Cooking Sauces, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fish, Meat Free Tinned Ravioli, Chilli, Macaroni Cheese and Tinned Fruit Juice. Shampoo, Toilet Rolls, Roll on Deodorant and Shower Gel.

An eco tip

Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living? Explore some of these changes at arochoa.org.uk/go-greenfor-lent/

Life Debt Centre

Could you offer help to the Life Debt Centre? They are looking for people to join the prayer meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.00 and 10.00 am at the Life Centre 18a Market Street Stourbridge. They are also looking for debt advisors please contact 01384 739757 or info@lifecentredebtadvice.org.uk for more details.



The Dudley Passion Play 2024 will take place on the 19th & 20th April, 12:30 - 2pm

By the community, for the community

Join *The Dudley Passion Play 2024* Community Cast

Taster Evening - Thursday 29th February (7-8:30pm)

Alternatively, call 01384 454 800 or email creative@saltmine.org

saltminetrust.org.uk/passionplay

They are also looking for people to steward this event – give them a call if you can help.