



Welcome

19th February 2023
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

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

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One day ev'ry knee will bow

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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

Your love, shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain,
Raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again.
I receive Your love.

Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin,
It purifies my heart
And heals me from within,
I receive Your grace.

Pour over me,
Pour over me,
Let Your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me Your waves of love,
Pour over me.

I come and lay my burden down
Gladly at Your feet,
I'm opening up my heart,
Come make this joy complete;
I receive Your peace.

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings

2 Peter 1:16-end

Matthew 17:1-9

Song

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You
Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love
Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love
Hold me close....

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high priest who's name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because a sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace

**One in Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God**

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.

Notices to take home

Forth coming services

Sunday 19th February

9.00 am Holy Communion – 2 Peter 1:16-end and Matthew 17:1-9

10.30 am Morning Worship - 2 Peter 1:16-end and Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday 22nd February – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Andrew's

Ash Wednesday 22nd February – 7.30 pm Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 26th February

9.00 am Holy Communion – Genesis 2:15-15 & 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

10.30 am Holy Communion - Genesis 2:15-15 & 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

we welcome Nikki Groake to our 10.30 am service

6.00 pm Evensong - Daniel 6:4-9 & 16-end and Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday 1st March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Peter's

A reflective journey into prayer

For Lent 2023 see *flyers for full details*

1st March Biblical Prayer

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.

Eco Tips



Like to help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? A new Cambridge University study has found that not eating meat on just one day a week 'could bring about a major reduction in global carbon emissions'.



Will you take up the St Peter's Lent challenge

this year, commit to 'Meat Free Friday' and make a difference?



Please don't forget the Foodbank they still need:
Tinned meat (corned beef/ham/spam/hot dogs),
Potatoes (tinned/packet mash) Tinned deserts
(custard/rice pudding) Tinned fruit (in fruit juice, Milk (long life 1l cartons)
Fruit juice (long life) Cordial/squash, Tinned tomatoes, Drinking chocolate
(to be made with water), Small packets of sugar, Dried instant flavoured
noodles (microwaveable), Jam/marmalade.

Donations can be left in church or the porch at The Rectory or 128 Ham Lane.

To make a cash donation, send cheques to: **Black Country Foodbank,**
Albion Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE or see

www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk



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

PCC membership

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Is 27 February to 12 March. To spread the Fairtrade message, there will be a coffee morning on Saturday 4 March at St. Thomas' Hall, 10.00-12.30. If anyone can offer half an hour to help or bring a cake that would be much appreciated.