



Welcome

19th March 2023
St Peter's Pedmore Mothering Sunday

Let us gather for worship

God has called us here this morning,
All the world give God your praises,
Let us offer him our worship
All the world give God your praises,
Let us thank him for his goodness,
All the world give God your praises,
Let us ask him to forgive us,
All the world give God your praises,
Let us learn what he would teach us,
All the world give God your praises,
Let us bring our prayers before him,
All the world give God your praises,
Shout for joy to the Lord who loves us,
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen

Song

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Let us confess our sins

O God, the Father of us all, we come to you in sorrow, for we have often failed nurture others as you have nurtured us:

Lord, forgive us, and help us obey.

You have taught us: 'Honour your father and mother, that all will go well for you'. We have often failed you.

Lord, forgive us, and help us obey.

You have taught us as children: 'Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right'. We have often failed you.

Lord, forgive us, and help us obey.

You have taught us as fathers: 'Do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord'. We have often failed you.

Fathers: Lord, forgive us, and help us to obey.

You have taught us as mothers to live with sincere faith and bring our children to Christ. We have often failed you.

Mothers: Lord forgive us, and help us to obey.

You have taught us as the Christian family: 'Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ'. We have often failed you.

Lord forgive us, and help us to obey. Father, help us all to hear your word, and obey it; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Song

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge--

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings

Exodus 2:1-10

Luke 2:33-35

Song

God Sent His Son, They Called Him Jesus
He Came To Love, Heal And Forgive
He Lived And Died To Buy My Pardon
An Empty Grave Is There To Prove My Saviour Lives

Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow
Because He Lives, All Fear Is Gone
Because I Know He Holds The Future
And Life Is Worth The Living, Just Because He Lives

How Sweet To Hold A Newborn Baby
And Feel The Pride And Joy He Gives
But Greater Still The Calm Assurance
This Child Can Face Uncertain Day, Because He Lives

Because He Lives,

And Then One Day, I'll Cross The River
I'll Fight Life's Final War With Pain
And Then, As Death Gives Way To Victory
I'll See The Lights Of Glory And I'll Know He Reigns

Because He Lives,

I Can Face Tomorrow
Because He Lives, All Fear Is Gone
Because I Know He Holds The Future
And Life Is Worth The Living, Just Because He Lives

Talk

Let us confess our faith

We believe in God the Father, who created the world and all that is in it;

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who came to our world as its Saviour;

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God;

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

This is the faith of all Christians, in all times and all places;

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us offer our thanksgiving

Nurturing God,
we light this candle
in recognition of the great care and love
you have for each one of us.

**Nurturing God,
we praise and thank you.**

Nurturing God,
we light this candle
in thanksgiving for all mothers,
for all they do, or once did,
for all they give, or once gave
and for they mean and will always mean.

**Nurturing God,
we praise and thank you.**

Nurturing God,
we light this candle
for all families
throughout the world.

**Nurturing God,
we praise and thank you.**

Nurturing God,
we light this candle
for the family of the Church,
here and everywhere.

**Nurturing God,
we praise and thank you.**

nurturing God,
we light this candle
for all who nurture
and encourage others.

**Nurturing God,
we praise and thank you.**

Song

You Are The King Of Glory
You Are The Prince Of Peace
You Are The Lord Of Heaven And Earth
You Are The Son Of Righteousness

Angels Bow Down Before You
They Worship And Adore You
For You Have The Words Of Eternal Life
You Are Jesus Christ The Lord

Hosanna To The Son Of David
Hosanna To The King Of Kings
Glory In The Highest Heavens
Jesus The Messiah Reigns

Let us turn to God in prayer

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

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.**

Song

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh, Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

Let us go out to serve God

God is with us wherever we go

God is with us wherever we go

God is with us in the peaceful places, when we wander through
green fields and by quiet waters

God is with us wherever we go

God is with us in difficult places when we walk on high paths or
through deep valleys

God is with us wherever we go

God gives us new strength; he takes away our fears and protects us
from our enemies

God is with us wherever we go

God prepares good things for us, he teaches us how to enjoy our
time with him

God is with us wherever we go

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Forth coming services

19th March Mothering Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion Exodus 2:1-10 and Luke 2:33-35

10.30 am Morning Worship Exodus 2:1-10 and Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday 22nd March – 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

26th March

9.00 am Holy Communion Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45

10.30 am Morning Worship Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45

6.00 pm Evensong Lamentations 3:19-33 and Matthew 20:17-end

Wednesday 29th March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Peter's

A reflective journey into prayer

For Lent 2023 see *flyers for full details*

22nd March Extemporary Prayer

29th March Disciplined Prayer

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

Your church needs you

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.

Remember that without a wardens and a PCC the church won't continue to function.

A couple of jobs to fulfil Safeguarding officer and Electoral Roll Officer – could you help with either of these important tasks. We need to fill these posts in order that the church runs smoothly and the church is a safe place. Talk to David Nichol if you can help in anyway.



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

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

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.

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.



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 its strategy to reduce carbon. Sign up

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



Forest Bars

£3 – The bar which plants a tree. These fairtrade chocolate bars are for sale at the back of church. Every bar sold plants a tree in Madagascar – a type of Mangrove tree which can store large quantities of carbon in its stem and leaves for a long time. When we did this at Christmas 2021, it resulted in 275 trees being planted. Please support this again. There will also be some fairtrade items for sale at the back of church.



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

Donations can be left in church, the Rectory porch or the church centre