

23rd November

Sunday before advent

Introduction and welcome

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us
all evermore. Amen**

Let us greet each other in the name of the Lord.

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 praises with gratitude,

And to listen to your word with eagerness,

Through Christ our Lord . Amen

Song: Crown Him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon the throne

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own

Awake , my soul and sing

Of Him who died for thee

And hail Him as thy matchless king

Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began
And ye who tread where He has trod
Crown Him the Son of man
Who every grief has known
That wrings the human breast
And takes and bears them as his own
That all in Him may rest

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heaven
Enthroned in worlds above
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love
All hail, Redeemer hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Through all eternity.

Let us confess our sins;

Human sin disfigures the whole of creation,
Which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
Christ the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness in our hearts
In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins

**God of mercy,
We acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
And are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past,
And help us to live each day,
In the light of Christ our Lord Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins
And bring us to the eternal joy of His kingdom
Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Song ; King of Kings

King of Kings, Majesty
God of heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, Closest friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at your throne

Chorus

*Your Majesty I can but bow
I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your Majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you
Love eternal faithful and true
Who bought the nations ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to your throne
All within me cries out in praise.....

Chorus

Reading Colossians chapter 1, vv 9-14

Talk; Hannah Masih from the Leprosy mission.

Song; Beauty for brokenness.

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord in our suffering world, this is our prayer,
Bread for the children, justice, joy peace
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

Chorus;

*God of the poor, friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause, of those who can't speak

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again.
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

What we believe.

Let us affirm our faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
Source of all being and life,
The one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe in God the son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in Him

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to the people of God
And makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the church

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in One God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Let us turn to God in prayer

Collect for the Sunday before Advent

God our Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King,
And to follow in His service, whose Kingdom has no end;
For He reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
Now and forever. Amen.

Intercessions: Richard

The Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever Amen**

Song; Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise
Majesty, Kingdom authority
 Flows from His throne,
Unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify,
 Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died , now glorified,
 King of all Kings.

Blessing ;

May the lord bless us and keep us
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us And be gracious to us
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us And give us peace
May the Lord God almighty, Father ,Son and Holy Spirit
The holy and undivided trinity
Guard us, save us,
And bring us to that heavenly city,
Where He lives and reigns for ever and ever . **Amen**

Notices to take home

Sunday 23rd November

9am Holy Communion. Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 23:33-43

10.30 am Morning Worship. Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday 26th November. Holy Communion 10am at St Andrew's

Sunday 30th November

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44

10.30am Holy Communion. Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44

6pm. Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of loved ones.

Wednesday 3rd December. Holy Communion 10am at St Andrew's

ADVANCED NOTICE

10.30am December 14th Christingle Service a Family Service

ST PETER's CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Will be held in the Church Centre on SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th

We need to start preparing for it now.

NEEDED:-

Bottles for a bottle stall

Cakes for a cake stall (brought on the day)

All things with chocolate for Chocoholic game

Prizes for Raffle

Items for a Tombola

Items can be brought to Church or the Church Centre. There will be a plastic box at the back of Church to put items in.

Thankyou

Black Country Food Bank

The needs of the Foodbank are:

Tinned meat, tinned potatoes or mash, tinned vegetables,

Gravy or packets of stuffing, cartons of milk, cordial or squash, coffee, tea bags,

long life fruit juice, pasta sauce or cooking sauce, instant noodles, tinned

chopped tomatoes, cereals, mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned custard, savoury rice.

Shower gel, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap.

Date for your diaries
Tuesday December 16th we have been invited by the Foley Arms to go
Carol Singing there. Do come along and join in if you are able.
Time 7pm. More details later.

RISE COMMUNITY CHOIR
(Funded by UK Government)

Why not come and join this new choir to meet new people and have a
good ole sing?

At Rufford Primary School every Thursday 2-3pm.

Free to attend, everyone welcome.

More information from Lisa on 07454314664