



Sunday 26th January 2025
Third Sunday of Epiphany

Let us gather for worship

Let everything be said and done in the name of the
Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.
Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.
Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Hymn

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Let us confess our sins

St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.’

So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

**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 for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;

God will help at the break of day.
The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;
God will help at the break of day.

God is our refuge and strength,
ready to help whenever we are in trouble:
God will help at the break of day.

We will not fear, even if the earth shakes,
and the mountains topple into the sea:
God will help at the break of day.

Come now and look at the works of the Lord,
the awesome things he has done on earth:
God will help at the break of day.

Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth:
God will help at the break of day.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold:
God will help at the break of day.

We hear the word of God

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Luke 4.14-21

Talk

Song

BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU,

Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

What we believe
Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Song

WONDERFUL GRACE,
That gives what I don't deserve,
Pays me what Christ has earned,
Then lets me go free.
Wonderful grace,
That gives me the time to change,
Washes away the stains
That once covered me.

And all that I have
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour
Who loves me.

Wonderful love,
That held in the face of death,

**Breathed in its latest breath
Forgiveness for me.
Wonderful love,
Whose power can break every chain,
Giving us life again,
Setting us free.**

Let us turn to God in prayer

The Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intersessions

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 and the evil one.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Final Song

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their
darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in
the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in
my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's
pain.**

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for
love alone**

I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.....

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and
lame.**

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.....

Final Prayer & Blessing

God of glory,

**you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing ...

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Notices to take home

26th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion I Corinthians 12:12-31 and Luke 4:14-21

10.30 am Morning Worship I Corinthians 12:12-31 and Luke 4:14-21

6.00 pm Evensong Numbers 9:15-end and I Corinthians 7:17-24

Wednesday 29th January Holy Communion at St Peter's

2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.00 am Holy Communion Hebrews 2:14-end and Luke 2:22-40

10.30 am Holy Communion Hebrews 2:14-end and Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday 5th February Holy Communion at St Andrew's

An eco tips

Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature. Look out for the RSPB Big Birdwatch which runs from 7th January to 14th February 2025.


Black Country Food Bank

During 2024 St Peter's Church collected and donates 536kg of food and 90kg of toiletries, which has provided 1,072 meals for Black Country clients in crisis. Thank you.

The needs of the Foodbank are often greater at this time of year. The ongoing needs of these are: Packets of Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Soup, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jars of Coffee, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Roll on Deodorant.

David's retirement

Just to let you know that all is now agreed with the Diocese; it takes effect from 1st June and his last service will be on 4th May and will be a joint service at St Andrew's



Love Your Church - Sunday 9th February

The next fund raising event in aid of St Peter's will be a Valentine's special event to celebrate - God's love for us, our love for each other, our love for our church. We need help with:
Flowers...Advertising...Ideas...Catering –cakes and dainty sandwiches
The church will be open from after Morning Worship until late afternoon possibly 4.30pm.
Displays maybe a window for baptism memorabilia, wedding, and a remembrance window ie hatched, matched and dispatched – the only occasions sadly when some of our community come into our church. The Children & Young Families Team are putting on this all age event so we want to really encourage our young families to come, there will be activities for children to take part in. We also want to equally encourage our older people of the community and a chance for our single and bereaved to feel our love and God's love for them.
We need prizes mostly food perhaps with a romance theme to go into a super hamper to be won.
Photographs, a Valentine's card, Baptism gown, Wedding picture, maybe a poem written for you, flowers in memory Hearts and balloons etc romance themed. Please look around your house and see what you have we can borrow. Great care will be given to items.

Not much time - are you interested.

We need your help, ideas and support to make this successful

Contact Pauline 01562 883783 or 07899712484

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Please speak to me, or any member of the Children's Team

**– Sylvia, Jenny Green,
Margaret Creed, our Rector David**

Money donations will be gladly accepted for St Peter's