



Welcome

26<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden,  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your  
holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song

Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!

Let us confess our sins

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *you your* sins and make *you* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Song

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

Let us hear the word of God

### Bible readings

Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

### 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

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Song

Jesus stand among us  
At the meeting of our lives;  
Be our sweet agreement  
At the meeting of our eyes.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering  
Out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us  
At the joining of our hands.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, Stand Among Us  
At The Breaking Of The Bread  
Join Us As One Body  
As We Worship You, Our Head  
Oh, Jesus, We Love You, So We Gather Here  
Join Our Hearts In Unity And Take Away Our Fear

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and 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.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Song during communion

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 final breath forgiveness for me.

Wonderful love whose power can break every chain  
giving us life again setting us free.

*And all that....*

Let us go out to serve God

Almighty God,

you have given your only Son to be for us

both a sacrifice for sin

and also an example of godly life:

give us grace

that we may always most thankfully receive

these his inestimable gifts,

and also daily endeavour

to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus name

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Than Jesus blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus name



Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
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Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all, yeah

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

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Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
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Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

#### **26<sup>th</sup> 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 - Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 16-end and Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Peter's

#### **5<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00 am Holy Communion – Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

10.30 am Holy Communion - Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am Midweek Communion at St Andrew'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.



#### Meat-Free Lunch

There will be a bring and share meat-free lunch on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Centre to celebrate Pauline's meat-free Friday idea. This has been embraced by the Church of England in it's strategy to

reduce carbon. To find out about how Pauline's idea was taken up and how Lynn raised the idea centrally follow these two links

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/stories-blogs-and-features/why-might-christians-consider-cutting-down-meat-lent>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11746725/Will-Church-England-revive-tradition-eating-fish-Friday-meet-carbon-emissions-goal.html>

Sign up for the lunch at back of church indicating what you can contribute.

Any questions please ask Lynn or Pauline



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

Donations can be left in church or the porch at The Rectory or the church centre



### **Coming in March**

Alpha Course an open-minded exploration of the Christian faith starting 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.