



Welcome

26th March 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

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Give thanks
We give thanks to You

Let us confess our sins

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.

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Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;
turn to me as your compassion is great:
Lord, have mercy.

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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.**

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Such love, pure as the whitest snow
Such love, weeps for the shame I know
Such love, paying the debt I owe
O Jesus, such love

Such love, stilling my restlessness
Such love, filling my emptiness
Such love, showing me holiness
O Jesus, such love

Such love, springs from eternity
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, fountain of life to me
O Jesus, such love

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song

There is a green hill in a far away country

It stands near a city, outside a wall

Where Jesus our Saviour, the King of all Glory

Suffered and died to save us all

I may not know of the pain of His passion

But I believe that in my place He stood

That I may know freedom, and live in forgiveness

For I am redeemed by His great love

There was no other good enough

Willing to pay the price of sin

For He was the only One who could reach out

And unlock the gates of heaven to let us in

So very dearly Jesus has loved us
All He would ask is that we love Him too
And trust Him for all that this life lays before us
That we would try His work to do

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 just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
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 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

Let us go out to serve God

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us; set us free
by the truth You now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood
I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me,
consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here,
may our lives tell Your story -
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, Shine.....

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for
faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

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

2nd April Palm Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11

10.30 am Morning Worship Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11

3.00 pm Forest Church *please book via Fruits of the Forest*

Wednesday 5th April – 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Thursday 6th April – 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion at St Andrew's

Friday 7th April – 12.00 At the foot of the cross at St Andrew's

2.00 pm At the foot of the cross at St Peter's

A reflective journey into prayer

For Lent 2023 see *flyers for full details*

29th March Disciplined Prayer

Your church needs you

In April we elect people to serve as Churchwardens (*as a warden you are responsible for order in the church, accountable for the fabric and plate you may want to be involved with other parts of the life of the church such as eco-church but you are not required to do so*), members of the PCC and Deanery Synod.

We elect churchwardens each year for one year; this year there are also three places on the PCC to be filled and three on the Deanery Synod.

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.

You don't have to be on the PCC to undertake these roles. 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.

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

Christian Aid

This year instead of the traditional house to house collection we are holding three events: Friday 28th April 10.00 am Coffee Morning, Saturday 20th May 7.00 pm Quiz evening, Saturday 27th May 7.30 pm Musical evening
More details to follow with requests for help