

**Morning Worship 3<sup>rd</sup> May** *Becky Clarke is leading, Darren Gardner is preaching*

Welcome

A quote: **Staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on the hard days you know that there are better ones coming.**

Prayer for Gemma and Darren Rhodes and their two children Eleanor and George who were to be baptised today

Sing

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever*

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever

There is a puppet drama about Jesus being the good shepherd

Sing

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness

Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me  
Abide with me, abide with me

## Creed

**We are not alone we live in God's world.  
We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and to make new  
and to work in us and others through the Holy Spirit**

**We trust in God**

**We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen;  
our judge and our hope**

**God is with us in life in death and in life beyond death  
we are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God**

Reading Acts 2:42-end

Sermon

## Prayers

*We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own  
safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours'  
safety.  
We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs  
For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us.*

**Amen.**

*Lord, through weariness and hurt  
and pain,  
through disaster on the news,  
through anxiety, depression and loneliness,*

*I am still yours.  
I do not understand,  
but I believe that you are here  
in the dark places of our present lives,  
and that nothing can take us out of your  
caring, loving hands.*

**Amen**

*Heavenly Father,  
Walk through my house  
And take away all the worries and illnesses  
Please watch over and heal my family and  
friends  
Bring quiet where  
there is chaos  
Bring light where  
there is darkness and  
put love in our hearts  
In Jesus name,*

**Amen**

An update from Rachel and John Waters

## **Lord's Prayer**

Notices: praying for our new Rector, prayer meeting on Monday, City Praise tonight at 6pm

## Sing

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you  
In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost  
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross  
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin  
Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

## Blessing