



Welcome

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Jesus at the heart of London'**



Sunday 1st January 2023 9.30am

ONLINE SERVICE

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

Preacher: Revd Lansford Penn-Timity

Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 60:1-6

WELCOME

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – A Prayer for the New Year

VIDEO SONG – In The Bleak Midwinter

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In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him,
nor the earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
God, the Lord Almighty,
Jesus Christ.
Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air —
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the Belovèd
with a kiss.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him —
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830–1894)

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO GLOBAL GREETING

**Revd Nigel Cowgill,
Chair of the London Methodist District**

OFFERING PRAYER

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO OT READING Isaiah 60:1-6 TNIV
Read by Revd Tony Miles

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
² See, darkness covers the earth
 and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
 and his glory appears over you.
³ Nations will come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you:
 all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
 and your daughters are carried on the hip.
⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
 your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
 to you the riches of the nations will come.
⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
 young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
 bearing gold and incense
 and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

VIDEO SONG – We Three Kings Of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again-
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign:

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh:
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high:

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice!
heaven sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies:

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia,
earth to heaven replies:

John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891)

VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 TNIV

Read by Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

SERMON 'Arise, shine, for your light has come'
Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO HYMN – What Can I Bring

If a wise man knows
where the Saviour's born
guided by a shining star,
to the world He shows
why He came so far
understanding who You are.

What can I bring
what can I sing
to honour you my friend and King.
Who can describe
this love of mine
the holy saviour so divine.

If a shepherd hears
when a child is born
guided by the angels shining bright,
and the hopes and fears
of a thousand years
will be met in you tonight.

What can I bring
what can I sing
to honour you my friend and King.
Who can describe
this love of mine
the holy saviour so divine.

Singing Gloria
singing Gloria
brining praises to the King.
Singing Gloria
singing Gloria
brining praises to the King.

When a child is born
and the reason why
was to love this broken world.
How can I repay
can the only way
be to love him in return.

What can I bring
what can I sing
to honour you my friend and King.
Who can describe
this love of mine
the holy saviour so divine.

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
Led by Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO HYMN – Love Shone Down

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I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,
and all the lights of town were shining far below
when up in the air beautiful voices,
sang a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
oh and love shone down over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me,
I knew it was an angel.
He said 'There's something that I think you ought to
know.'
Then he just smiled, said 'Don't be afraid now.'
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
oh and love shone down over the world.*

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
how to find him, where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others.
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
oh and love shone down over the world.*

Andy Piercy (b. 1951) and C. S. de Whalley

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM
Deacon Ali McMillan

THE BLESSING
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VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson played at MCHW
(Gerard Brooks)

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