



Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming

**'A global Christian family following
Jesus at the heart of London'**



**9:30am Sunday, 12th March 2023
3rd of Lent**

ONLINE SERVICE

**Preacher: Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths,
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Romans 5:1-11**

**LIVE STREAM WELCOME
Revd Tony Miles**

**VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 51
Skit Guys**

VIDEO SONG – Amazing Grace

STF 440

Amazing grace-how sweet the sound-
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

God's grace has taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton

**OPENING PRAYERS
Led by Revd Tony Miles**

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
Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO GLOBAL GREETING

OFFERING PRAYER
Led by Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO SONG – God of Our Yesterdays

When we were in the darkest night
And wondered if our eyes would ever see the light
You were there Lord

When we were in the stormy gale
And wondered if we'd ever live in peace again
You were there Lord

You were there in the struggle
You were there in the fight
You were there all the time

We praise You, the God of yesterdays
We praise You, the God who is here today
We praise You, our God as tomorrow comes

And whatever lies ahead
Whatever road our grateful hearts will come to tread
You'll be there Lord

We will fix our eyes on You
And know that there is grace enough to see us through
You'll be there Lord

You'll be there in the struggle
You'll be there in the fight
You'll be there all the time

We thank You for grace in our yesterdays
We thank You for peace in our hearts today
We thank You our joy as tomorrow comes
We will trust God

You're always closer than we know
Always more involved and in control
We will trust our lives to You
The one who was and is to come.

*God of Our Yesterdays - Chris McClarney (From Album Defender)
Word and Music from Matt Redman.*

VIDEO EPISTLE LESSON – Romans 5:1-11

Read by Jocelyn Boafo

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

VIDEO HYMN – Blessed Assurance

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest -
I in my Saviour am happy and blest -
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.*

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby)

SERMON 'Free at Last'
Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths

**VIDEO HYMN – Now I have found the ground wherein
H&P 684**

Now I have found the ground wherein
Sure my soul's anchor may remain?
The wounds of Jesus, for my sin
Before the world's foundation slain;
Whose mercy shall unshaken stay,
When heav'n and earth are fled away.

Father, thine everlasting grace
Our scanty thought surpasses far,
Thy heart still melts with tenderness,
Thy arms of love still open are
Returning sinners to receive,
That mercy they may taste and live.

O Love, thou bottomless abyss,
My sins are swallowed up in thee!
Covered is my unrighteousness,
Nor spot of guilt remains on me,
While Jesu's blood through earth and skies
'Mercy, free, boundless mercy!' cries.

With faith I plunge me in this sea,
Here is my hope, my joy, my rest;
Hither, when hell assails, I flee,
I look into my Saviour's breast;
Away, sad doubt and anxious fear!
Mercy is all that's written there.

Though waves and storms go o'er my head,
Though strength, and health, and friends be gone,
Though joys be withered all and dead,
Though every comfort be withdrawn,
On this my steadfast soul relies -
Father, thy mercy never dies!

Fixed on this ground will I remain,
Though my heart fail and flesh decay;
This anchor shall my soul sustain,
When earth's foundations melt away;
Mercy's full power I then shall prove,
Loved with an everlasting love.

Johann A Rothe translated by John Wesley

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
Led by Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths**

VIDEO HYMN – Jesus The Name High Over All

STF 357

Jesus-the name high over all,
in hell, or earth, or sky!
Angels revere, and nations fall,
and devils fear and fly.

Jesus-the name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners given!
It scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus-the prisoner's fetters breaks,
and bruises Satan's head;
power into strengthless souls it speaks,
and life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
the riches of his grace!
The arms of love that compass me
would all the earth embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
his saving grace proclaim;
'tis all my business here below,
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name;
preach him to all, and cry in death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

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