



# Welcome

*We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming*

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



**9:30 am Sunday, 17th May 2026**

## ONLINE SERVICE

Revd Tony Miles and Richard Vincent

ACTS 1:6-14; JOHN 17:1-11

### LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Jesus Over Everything

VIDEO SONG – The Splendour of the King (How Great is Our God)

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.  
(Repeat)

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash

### OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Myrtle Poxon

#### 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.  
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.**

#### **LESSON Acts 1:6-14**

**Read by Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup>Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup>When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

#### **VIDEO HYMN – Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
Lord I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth  
to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross,  
my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Rick Founds (born 1954)

#### **GOSPEL LESSON John 17:1-11**

**Read by Revd Stephen Poxon**

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

## **SERMON**

**Revd Stephen Poxon**

### **VIDEO HYMN – Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning**

Christ triumphant ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

#### *Chorus*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

#### *Chorus*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

#### *Chorus*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,

this shall be our song:

*Chorus*

*Michael Seward (1932–2015)*

## **PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

**Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

### **ONE MINUTE TESTIMONY**

**Felicity Arkhurst in Ghana**

### **VIDEO HYMN – Jesus be the Centre**

Jesus, be the centre,  
be my source, be my light,  
Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre,  
be my hope, be my song,  
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,  
be the wind in these sails,  
be the reason that I live,  
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,  
be my path, be my guide,  
Jesus.

Michael Frye

## **LOVE FEAST**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **VIDEO HYMN – Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
day-spring from on high, be near;  
day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee:  
joyless is the day's return,

till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

#### **HEALING PRAYER TEAM**

**Revd Stephen Poxon**

#### **THE BLESSING**

**Revd Stephen Poxon**

#### **VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**

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