

Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming

9:30 am Sunday, 15th November 2026

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

ONLINE SERVICE
"Love Protects"
Revd Tony Miles, Deacon Ali McMillan, Alison Bryan (Healing) &
Team Love Feast

Readings: 1 John 3:16-18 & Matthew 25:14-30

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME
Revd Tony Miles & Deacon Ali McMillan

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CALL TO WORSHIP - God of the Valley, Freebridge Media

STF 479
The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)

OPENING PRAYERS
Deacon Ali McMillan

EPISTLE READING – 1 John 3:16-18
Read by Liz Gosling, Safeguarding Officer

SONG Love One Another
Love one another for love is of God
He who loves is born of God and knows God
He who does not love does not know God
For God is love
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Love one another for love is of God
(Love bears all things)
He who loves is born of God and knows God
(Believes all things)
He who does not love does not know God
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Janice Detweiler

GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 25:14-30
Read by Alison Bryan

SERMON "Love Protects!"
Revd Tony Miles

SOF 604
Who can sound the depths of sorrow
in the Father heart of God,
for the children we've rejected,
for the lives so deeply scarred?
And each light that we've extinguished
has brought darkness to our land:
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy Lord!

We have scorned the truth You gave us,
we have bowed to other lords,
we have sacrificed the children
on the altars of our gods.
O let truth again shine on us,
let Your holy fear descend;
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy Lord!

Who can stand before Your anger;
who can face Your piercing eyes?
For You love the weak and helpless,
and You hear the victims' cries.
Yes, You are a God of justice,
and Your judgement surely comes:
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy Lord!

Who will stand against the violence?
Who will comfort those who mourn?
In an age of cruel rejection,
who will build for love a home?
Come and shake us into action,
come and melt our hearts of stone:
upon Your people, upon Your people,
have mercy Lord!

Who can sound the depths of mercy
In the Father heart of God?
For there is a Man of sorrows
Who for sinners shed His blood.
He can heal the wounds of nations,
He can wash the guilty clean:
Because of Jesus, because of Jesus,
Have mercy, Lord.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
Deacon Ali McMillan & Alison Bryan

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

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.

VIDEO SONG
Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
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[Chorus]
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Michael W. Smith

LOVE FEAST
Revd Tony Miles

OFFERING PRAYER
Deacon Ali McMillan

ONE MINUTE TESTIMONY

STF 620
Thou God of truth and love,
we seek thy perfect way,
ready thy choice to approve,
thy providence to obey:
enter into thy wise design,
and sweetly lose our will in thine.

Why hast thou cast our lot
in the same age and place,
and why together brought
to see each other's face,
to join with loving sympathy,
and mix our friendly souls in thee?

Didst thou not make us one,
that we might one remain,
together travel on,
and share our joy and pain;
till all thy utmost goodness prove,
and rise renewed in perfect love?

Then let us ever bear
the blessèd end in view,
and join, with mutual care,
to fight our passage through;
and kindly help each other on,
till all receive the starry crown.

O may thy Spirit seal
our souls unto that day,
with all thy fulness fill,
and then transport away:
away to our eternal rest,
away to our Redeemer's breast!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

HEALING PRAYER TEAM
Deacon Ali McMillan

THE BLESSING
Revd Tony Miles

ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Bach Sinfonia 29 - Gerard Brooks

The **hymn sheets** today have been dedicated by **Omotayo Roberts**
In thanksgiving to God for 68 years of his divine goodness and endless mercies.
"Praise the Lord O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life. I will sing praises to my God as long as I live." Psalm 146:1-2

If you would like to make a dedication towards the **hymn sheets** or the **flowers** please message the office or visit the Welcome Desk.

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Saying Goodbye

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family.

Sadly for people that lose prior to 24-weeks gestation, services to commemorate the life that has been lost are seldom held, while for parents who lose later in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, the parents are usually in the depths of grief when a service is held.

The Saying Goodbye services are the first international set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, and whether that be recently or decades ago. **They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, whilst collectively 'saying goodbye'.**

The services also welcome anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children.

The services are for people of any faith or no faith, are free to attend, no tickets need to be booked, and people are invited to bring family, friends and children with them. Held at cathedrals and similar venues across the globe, chosen for their beauty and grandeur; a wonderful tribute is created for all lost babies.

Together we will stand and say, "our children may have only been on this earth for days, weeks, months or years, but they were truly loved, and will always be missed!"

Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, Sun the 29th of Nov at 3.30pm

For up to date service details, please see www.sayinggoodbye.org

Saying Goodbye is a division of the bereavement support charity, Mariposa International, and is supported by a wonderful set of Ambassadors including Kym Marsh, Kate Ferdinand, Jools Oliver, Sally Phillips, Professor Lord Winston, Kate Beckinsale, Baroness Floella Benjamin, Nigella Lawson & more.

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