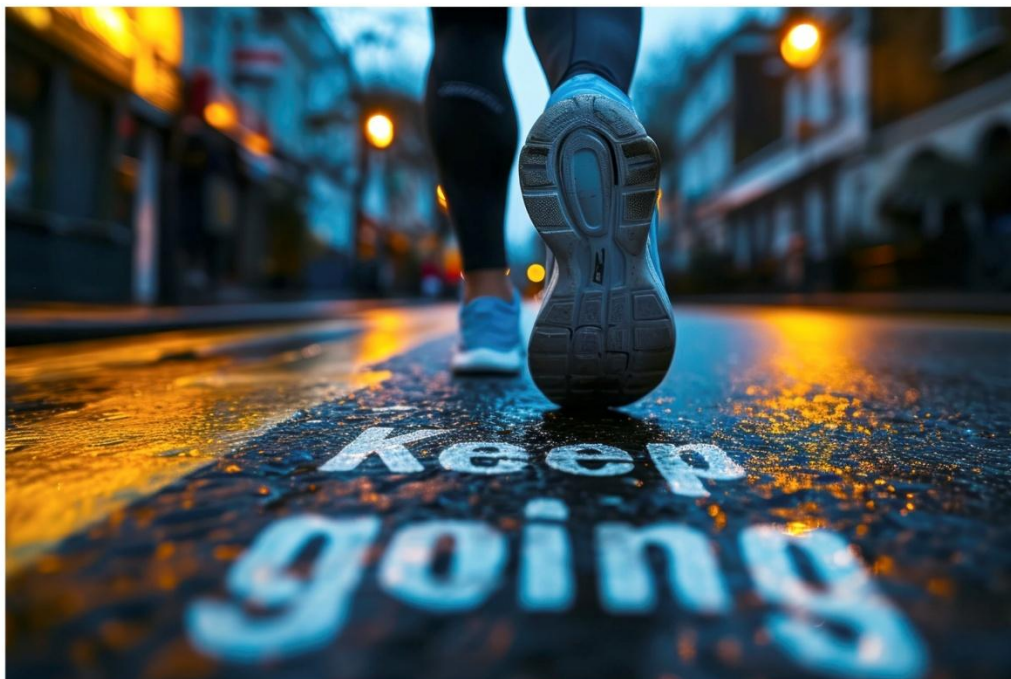




# Welcome

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**9:30 am Sunday, 16th November 2025**



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## ONLINE SERVICE

**Preacher: Deacon Myrtle Poxon with Revd Tony Miles**

**Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19**

## LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

**VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – New day, Same God**

Rype TV

## VIDEO SONG – Meet and right it is to sing

Meet and right it is to sing,  
In every time and place,  
Glory to our heavenly King,  
The God of truth and grace:  
Join we then with sweet accord,  
All in one thanksgiving join;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Eternal praise be thine.

Thee the first-born sons of light,  
In choral symphonies,  
Praise by day, day without night,  
And never, never cease;  
Angels and archangels all  
Praise the mystic Three in One,  
Sing, and stop, and gaze, and fall  
O'erwhelmed before thy throne.

Vying with that happy choir,  
Who chant thy praise above,  
We on eagles' wings aspire,  
The wings of faith and love:  
Thee they sing with glory crowned,  
We extol the slaughtered Lamb;  
Lower if our voices sound,  
Our subject is the same.

Father, God, thy love we praise,  
Which gave thy Son to die;  
Jesus, full of truth and grace,  
Alike we glorify;  
Spirit, Comforter divine,  
Praise by all to thee be given;  
Till we in full chorus join,  
And earth is turned to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## OPENING PRAYERS

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.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Deacon Myrtle Poxon

### VIDEO OT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

Read by Ros Bushell

<sup>17</sup> 'See, I will create  
new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.  
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I will create,  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight  
and its people a joy.  
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem  
and take delight in my people;  
the sound of weeping and of crying  
will be heard in it no more.  
<sup>20</sup> 'Never again will there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not live out his years;  
the one who dies at a hundred  
will be thought a mere child;  
the one who fails to reach a hundred  
will be considered accursed.  
<sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
<sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them,  
or plant and others eat.  
For as the days of a tree,  
so will be the days of my people;  
my chosen ones will long enjoy  
the work of their hands.  
<sup>23</sup> They will not labour in vain,  
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;

for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,  
they and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer;  
while they are still speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,'  
says the Lord.

### **VIDEO SONG – Father who on man dost shower**

Father, who on man dost shower  
Gifts of plenty from thy dower,  
To thy people give the power  
All thy gifts to use aright.

Give pure happiness in leisure,  
Temperance in every pleasure,  
Wholesome use of earthly treasure,  
Bodies clear and spirits bright.

Lift from this and every nation  
All that brings us degradation;  
Quell the forces of temptation;  
Put thine enemies to flight.

Be with us, thy strength supplying,  
That with energy undying,  
Every foe of man defying,  
We may rally to the fight.

Thou who art our captain ever  
Lead us on to great endeavour;  
May thy church the world deliver,  
Give us wisdom, courage, might.

Father, thou hast sought and found us,  
Son of God, whose love has bound us,  
Holy Spirit, in us, round us,  
Hear us, Godhead infinite!

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

### **VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:5-19**

**Read by Tanaka Mudimu**

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'

<sup>7</sup> 'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?'

<sup>8</sup> He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.'

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> 'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

**SERMON 'Keep Going!'**  
**Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

**VIDEO SONG – We have sung our songs of victory**

We have sung our songs of victory,  
We have prayed to You for rain;  
We have cried for Your compassion  
To renew the land again.  
Now we're standing in Your presence,  
More hungry than before;  
Now we're on Your steps of mercy,  
And we're knocking at Your door.

*How long before You drench the barren land?  
How long before we see Your righteous hand?  
How long before Your name is lifted high?  
How long before the weeping turns to songs of joy?*

Lord, we know Your heart is broken  
By the evil that You see,  
And You've stayed Your hand of judgement  
For You plan to set men free.  
But the land is still in darkness,  
And we've fled from what is right;  
We have failed the silent children  
Who will never see the light.

*Refrain*

But I know a day is coming  
When the deaf will hear His voice,  
When the blind will see their Saviour,  
And the lame will leap for joy.  
When the widow finds a Husband  
Who will always love His bride,  
And the orphan finds a Father  
Who will never leave her side.

*How long before Your glory lights the skies?  
How long before Your radiance lifts our eyes?  
How long before Your fragrance fills the air?  
How long before the earth resounds with songs of joy?*

Stuart Townend

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**  
**Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

**VIDEO TESTIMONY**

**LOVE FEAST**

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**VIDEO HYMN - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore;  
feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream shall flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791) translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)

**HEALING PRAYER TEAM**  
**Revd Tony Miles**

**THE BLESSING**  
**Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

**VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**  
Boely Toccata In B Minor – Gerard Brooks

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