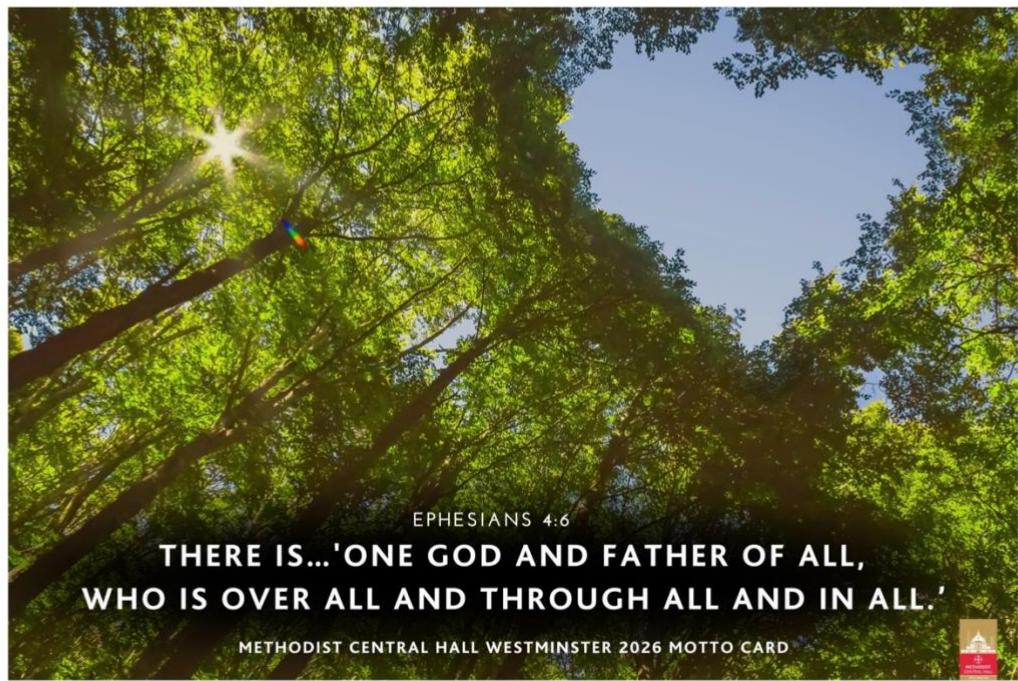




# Welcome

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**9:30am Sunday, 4th January 2026**



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## ONLINE SERVICE

**Preacher: Revd Tony Miles with Deacon Ali McMillan**

**Deuteronomy 29:10-15; Ephesians 4:1-7**

### LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Seek God first in the New Year**

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**VIDEO SONG – O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for you,  
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,  
showing the pathway your feet should pursue.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;  
truth it its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

### OPENING PRAYERS

**Revd Tony Miles**

Let us pray.

Glory to the Father, the God of love,  
who created us;  
who continually preserves and sustains us;  
who has loved us with an everlasting love,  
and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who, though he was rich,  
yet for our sake became poor,  
and was tested in every way as we are,  
yet without sin;  
who proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,  
and was obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross;  
who was raised from the dead and is alive for ever,  
and has opened the kingdom of heaven  
to all who trust in him;  
who is seated at God's right hand in glory,  
and will come to be our judge.  
**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
by whom we are born into the family of God,  
and made members of the body of Christ;  
whose witness confirms us;  
whose wisdom teaches us;  
whose power enables us;  
who will do for us more than we can ask or think.  
**Blessèd be God for ever.**

To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be praise and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Silence

Collect  
God of grace,  
through the mediation of your Son,  
you call us into a new covenant.  
Help us therefore to draw near with faith  
and join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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.

#### VIDEO READING Deuteronomy 29:10-15

Read by Deacon Ali

<sup>10</sup> All of you are standing today in the presence of the Lord your God – your leaders and chief men, your elders and officials, and all the other men of Israel, <sup>11</sup> together with your children and your wives, and the foreigners living in your camps who chop your wood and carry your water. <sup>12</sup> You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with the Lord your God, a covenant the Lord is making with you this day and sealing with an oath, <sup>13</sup> to confirm you this day as his people, that he may be your God as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. <sup>14</sup> I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you <sup>15</sup> who are standing here with us today in the presence of the Lord our God but also with those who are not here today.

#### VIDEO SONG – I Will Offer up my Life

I will offer up my life  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath  
For You've paid the great cost;  
Giving up Your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.  
You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven,  
And have beckoned me in.

*Refrain*

Matt Redman

#### LIVE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-7

Read by Revd Tony Miles

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the

bond of peace.<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

**SERMON 2026 Motto,  
Revd Tony Miles**

**THE COVENANT  
Revd Tony Miles**

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law.

The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.

In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.

We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim upon us.

Let us pray.

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.  
For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ,  
reluctant to follow him,  
and afraid to bear the cross:

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship,  
the formality and selfishness of our prayers,  
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,  
and our hesitating witness for Christ:

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts,  
evoke our responsibilities,  
and fail to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good,  
tolerant of injustice,  
quick to condemn,

and selfish in sharing your love with others:

Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, forgive.

Silence

Have mercy on me, O God,  
in your constant love;  
in the fullness of your mercy  
blot out my offences.  
Wash away all my guilt,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Give me the joy of your help again  
and strengthen me with a willing spirit.

The presiding minister says:

If we confess our sins,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Therefore to all who truly repent  
this is his gracious word:

‘Your sins are forgiven.’  
Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### **VIDEO SONG – Come Let us Use the Grace Divine**

Come, let us use the grace divine,  
And all, with one accord,  
In a perpetual cov'nant join  
Ourselves to Christ the Lord:

Give up ourselves, through Jesu's power,  
His name to glorify;  
And promise, in this sacred hour,  
For God to live and die.

The cov'nant we this moment make  
Be ever kept in mind:  
We will no more our God forsake,  
Or cast his words behind.

We never will throw off his fear  
Who hears our solemn vow;  
And if thou art well pleased to hear,  
Come down, and meet us now.

To each the cov'nant blood apply,  
Which takes our sins away;  
And register our names on high,

And keep us to that day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### THE COVENANT PRAYER

Beloved in Christ,  
let us again claim for ourselves  
this covenant which God has made with his people,  
and take upon us the yoke of Christ.

This means that we are content  
that he appoint us our place and work,  
and that he himself be our reward.

Christ has many services to be done:  
some are easy, others are difficult;  
some bring honour, others bring reproach;  
some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests,  
others are contrary to both;  
in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;  
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.  
Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ,  
who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own.  
Let us give ourselves to him,  
trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

Lord God, holy Father,  
since you have called us through Christ  
to share in this gracious covenant,  
we take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience  
and, for love of you,  
engage ourselves to seek and do your perfect will.  
We are no longer our own but yours.

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Silence

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Deacon Ali McMillan

As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone, but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:  
**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:  
**establish justice and peace among all people.**

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble:  
**deliver them from their distress.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:  
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others . . .

Silence  
Lord our God,  
you have helped us by your grace  
to make these prayers,  
and you have promised through Christ our Lord  
that when two or three agree in his name  
you will grant what they ask.  
Answer now your servants' prayers  
according to their needs;  
in this world grant that we may truly know you,  
and in the world to come  
graciously give us eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### VIDEO SONG- 'Holy Forever'

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy

You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy  
Holy forever

You will always be, Holy  
Holy forever

*Chris Tomlin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and GLOBAL GREETING

OFFERING PRAYER  
Revd Tony Miles

LOVE FEAST  
– Deacon Ali McMillan

### VIDEO HYMN – I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
in His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
humbly at His feet I bow;  
worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
take me, Jesus, take me now.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;

let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
truly knowing Thou art mine.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

*I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
fill me with Thy love and power,  
let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

*I surrender all.  
I surrender all.*

Judson W van der Venter (1855-1939)

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

**THE BLESSING**  
**Revd Tony Miles**

**VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**

Voluntary - Overture to the Occasional Oratorio First Movt by Handel played at Westminster Abbey (Gerard Brooks)

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