



# Welcome

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EVERY SUNDAY**

**9.30am**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



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## **ONLINE SERVICE**

**Led by Revd Tony Miles and  
Revd Gordon Newton**

**Preacher: Revd Tony Miles**

**Luke 1:39-55**

## **LIVE STREAM WELCOME**

**VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP** - Advent Love  
Fleebridge Media

## **VIDEO SONG** - Christmas Hymn

Praise to God whose love was shown  
Who sent His Son to earth  
Jesus left His rightful throne  
Became a man by birth  
The virgin's baby son  
All creation praised Him  
God incarnate come  
Come to Bethlehem  
Still a higher call had He  
Deliverance from our sins  
Come to set all people free  
From Satan's hold within  
For by the sin of man we fell  
By the Son of God  
He crushed the power of Hell  
Death we fear no more

Now we stand with strength, with power  
The sons of God on earth  
Faithful to the final hour  
Christ's righteousness our worth  
And now all praise is given  
For the babe, the Son  
The Saviour King is risen  
Christ is Lord indeed  
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## **LIGHT ADVENT CANDLE**

### **ADVENT LITURGY**

**Leader:** On this fourth Sunday of Advent we remember Mary.

**Child:** We light this candle for all God-bearers,  
saying 'yes' to God's challenge,  
accepting the pain and joy of an unknown future.

**God, as we wait for your promise,  
Give light, give hope.**

### **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.

**VIDEO - Altar Ego**  
**Charlie Bushell**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Revd Tony Miles

**OFFERING PRAYER**  
**Led by Revd Tony Miles**

**VIDEO HYMN - The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came**  
**STF 187**

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

'For known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name:'  
most highly favoured lady.  
Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
'Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

*Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)*

### **GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55**

**Read by Naomi Viscuso**

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

<sup>43</sup> But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

- <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me –  
holy is his name.
- <sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.
- <sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their  
inmost thoughts.
- <sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.
- <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful
- <sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants for ever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.’

### **SERMON ‘A Joyous response?’**

Rev'd Tony Miles

### **VIDEO SHYMN - Tell Out My Soul STF 186**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

## **PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

Led by Revd Gordon Newton

### **VIDEO - One Minute Testimony**

**Revd Wing Commander Paul Mellor**

### **VIDEO HYMN - Love Shone Down**

#### **STF 203**

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,  
and all the lights of town were shining far below  
when up in the air beautiful voices,  
sang a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down  
over the hills and over the valleys,  
oh and love shone down over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me,  
I knew it was an angel.  
He said 'There's something that I think you ought to  
know.'  
Then he just smiled, said 'Don't be afraid now.'  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,  
how to find him, where exactly I should go.  
Then he was joined by millions of others.  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Andy Piercy (b. 1951) and C. S. de Whalley*

## LOVE FEAST

Revd Gordon Newton

### VIDEO HYMN - What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning,  
one with God the Lord Most High;  
your hidden glory in creation,  
now revealed in you, our Christ.  
What a beautiful name it is,  
what a beautiful name it is,  
the name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a beautiful name it is,  
nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,  
so, Jesus, you brought heaven down.  
My sin was great,  
your love was greater,  
what could separate us now?  
What a wonderful name it is,  
what a wonderful name it is,  
the name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a wonderful name it is,  
nothing compares to this;  
what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord.

We'll give you all the glory  
We'll give you all the glory  
We'll give you all the glory  
Christ the Lord.



You have no rival, you have no equal,  
now and forever, God, you reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,  
yours is the name above all names.  
What a powerful name it is,  
what a powerful name it is,  
the name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a powerful name it is,  
nothing can stand against,  
what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

*Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood*  
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## CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd Tony Miles

## THE BLESSING

Revd Tony Miles

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