



# Welcome

*We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming*

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**27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**11.00am**



## ONLINE SERVICE

Preacher: Revd. Peter Edwards  
Honorary Associate Minister

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40  
'Back to the Future'

## CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND COUNTDOWN

### WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION  
Deacon Ali McMillan - (Chapel & Zoom)

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP - Majestic  
*Centreline New Media*

VIDEO SONG - Angels From The Realms of Glory

### STF 190

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship,  
Christ, the new-born King.  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:

### *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star:

*Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear:

*Refrain*

Though an infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:

*Refrain*

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

**OPENING PRAYERS - (Chapel)**

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - (Chapel)**

Deacon Ali McMillan

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Isaiah 61:10-62:3    NRSV**

Read Alison Bryan, Healing Ministry Coordinator -

**(Zoom)**

**10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**11** For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring  
up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and  
praise to spring up before all the nations.

### **The Vindication and Salvation of Zion**

**62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

**2** The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

**3** You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

### **VIDEO SONG - Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)**

#### **STF 98**

Your love is amazing  
Steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain  
Firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery  
How You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded  
Your love carries me

*Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing*

Your love is surprising  
I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing  
Deep inside of me  
Every time I see You  
All Your goodness shines through  
And I can feel this God song  
Rising up in me

*Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing (Repeat)*

*Brenton Brown and Brian Doerkson*

**GOSPEL LESSON      Luke 2:22-40      NRSV**  
Read by Jonathan Clark, Director, Premier Lifeline -  
(Zoom)

### **Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**SERMON ‘Back to the Future’**  
**Rev. Peter Edwards**

## **VIDEO SONG - Here I Am To Worship**

### **STF 175**

Light of the world,  
you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God,  
and you're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came  
to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor.

*So here I am to worship ...*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
No I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

*So here I am to worship ... (x2)*

*Tim Hughes*

## **PRAYER S OF INTERCESSION - (Zoom)**

Led by Alison Bryan, Healing Ministry Co-ordinator

## **VIDEO - GLOBAL GREETINGS**

## VIDEO HYMN - Hark The Herald Angels Sing

### STF 202

Hark! The herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim:  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! The herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel:

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:

*Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)*

### **OFFER CONTACT EMAIL & HEALING PRAYER TEAM**

Alison Bryan - (Zoom)

### **THE BLESSING - (Zoom)**

Revd. Peter Edwards



**ORGAN VOLUNTARY: 'Festal March' (Lloyd Webber) - Gerard Brooks**

The Healing Room will be running at the same time as the Breakout Rooms, but you will need to use this separate link below. This time of focused prayers for healing should be finished by 12.40pm.

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86915238261>

Zoom Meeting ID: **869 1523 8261**

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