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11.00am

28th February 2021



**METHODIST
CENTRAL HALL**



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ONLINE SERVICE

**Led by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent
Minister**

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-37

**Preacher: Revd. Dr. Jonathan Hustler
Secretary of Methodist Conference**

**INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN & ONLINE
CHURCH BUMPER**

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
Revd. Tony Miles

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP
A Prayer for Lent

VIDEO SONG – Jesus The Name High Over All

STF 357

Jesus — the name high over all,
in hell, or earth, or sky!
Angels revere, and nations fall,
and devils fear and fly.

Jesus — the name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners given!
It scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus — the prisoner's fetters breaks,
and bruises Satan's head;
power into strengthless souls it speaks,
and life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
the riches of his grace!
The arms of love that compass me
would all the earth embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
his saving grace proclaim;
'tis all my business here below
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my latest breath
I might but gasp his name;
preach him to all, and cry in death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

OPENING PRAYERS

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.**

VIDEO SONG – The Servant King

STF 272

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Graham Kendrick

PUPPETS - Hymn & Her on Video

Charlie & Ros Bushell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd. Tony Miles and Deacon Ali McMillan

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

VIDEO - A Psalm for Lent: 22:23-31

The Skit Guys Studios

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:13-25 TNIV

Read by Kanley McHale, Local Preacher (Lambeth Circuit) and worshipper at MCHW.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why 'it was

credited to him as righteousness.' ²³ The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

VIDEO SONG - Speak O Lord

STF 161

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
2005 Thankyou Music*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-37 TNIV

Read by Comfort Golightly, Member of MCHW

Jesus predicts his death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

The way of the cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

SERMON 'As good as dead already'

Revd. Dr. Jonathan Hustler – Secretary of the Methodist Conference

VIDEO HYMN - And Can It Be

STF 345

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all : the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -
So free, so infinite his grace -
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

GLOBAL GREETINGS

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

VIDEO HYMN - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

STF 287

When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Rev. Tony Miles

THE BLESSING

Led by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hustler

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Toccata In B Minor (Boely) -

Gerard Brooks

The **Flowers** are given by **David Vilares Ferrer**

*'Birthday is a special time of thanksgiving and appreciation. I want to thank **Kanley** for his energy, his love, his commitment to the Church and for his birthday which he celebrated on the 8th February'.*

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The **Methodist Church**

Daffodil Day 2021

'Behold, I am making all things new'

Saturday, 6th March 2pm
Watch online at mchw.live

A Spring Festival Rally led by Revd Tony Miles & Deacon Ali McMillan, with special guests including:
The Lord Mayor Of Westminster,
Pam Rhodes,
the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference,
the Methodist Youth President,
the President of Methodist Women in Britain,
Simeon Wood, Anando Mukerjee,
The National Methodist Choir of GB, The Jazz Vespers Group,
Revd Lansford Penn-Timely, Gerard Brooks, Ollie McEwen and also 'Hymn & Her'.

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