

Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, January 29th 2023 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Song: How great is your faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all
and never changes or turns,
unfailing justice, unfading grace,
whose promises remain.
Yes, Your promises remain.

**The heavens ring, the saints all sing,
great is your faithfulness;
from age to age we will proclaim,
great is your faithfulness,
how great is your faithfulness!**

Everything changes, but you stay the same;
your word and kingdom endure.

We lean on the promise of all that you are,
and trust forevermore.
We will trust for evermore.

The heavens ring...

From generation to generation,
you never failed us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,
until the day you return.

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Mountain Songs

Confession

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All-age slot

Hold the power of the universe in your hand.
Song: It's a light and a hammer

Hold the words that shaped the sky and sea and land.
The King has given words to us, to tell us what he's like:
open up your ears and let his Spirit strike.

**It's a light and a hammer,
it's a fire and a sword;
it's the voice of our Father;
the word of the Lord.
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul,
and God will use it to make us whole.**

Hear the news of the promised king who came to save.

Hear the news of Jesus who rose from the grave.
Our King has come to live on earth and rescue us from sin:
open up your mind and let his Spirit in.

Know the name of Jesus Christ that makes us new.
Know the Son of God, the Word whose word is true.
Our King has spoken to us, so there is no place for pride:
he gives hearts of flesh and changes us inside.

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Children leave for groups

Behold the power of his word,
Song: Behold the power of his word
~~he spoke, creation came to be,~~
I will trust his promise.
He hung the stars, a guarantee,
his word is strong enough for me,
I will trust his promise.

**Generations rise, generations fall
but his word is living and his word is sure,
evermore, evermore, evermore!**

There is salvation in his word,
his voice has called us from the grave,
I will trust his promise.

We are surrounded by his grace,
here in the midst of those he's saved,
I will trust his promise.

Our eyes have seen,
our ears have heard,
we are a witness to the power of your word!
So we will tell your promises are good.
In Jesus Christ we have your every word fulfilled.

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Church Family News

Prayers: Richard Clayton

~~Father of mercies, in your word
what endless glory shines!~~
Song: Father of mercies
For ever be your name adored
for these celestial lines.

Here may the blind and hungry come
and light and food receive;
here shall the humble guest find room
and taste and see and live.

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
spreads heavenly peace around,
and life and everlasting joys
attend the glorious sound.

Here springs of consolation rise
to cheer the fainting mind,
and thirsty souls receive supplies
and sweet refreshment find.

Divine instructor, gracious Lord,
be now and always near:
teach us to love your sacred word
and view our Saviour here.

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Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1 - 18 Carolyn Edmonds

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: 'Building for the future Plus: United by God'
Jonny Dyer (Vicar)

~~Song: Speak, O Lord, as we~~
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.

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Closing Prayer