

# Sunday Service

9am & 11am | Sunday, January 21st 2024 | The Third Sunday of Epiphany

**Welcome:** Andy Cook (Youth and Families' Worker)

## Hymn: Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things  
so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at his side,  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper  
our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that  
is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the 'Amen!'  
sound from his people again -  
gladly with praise we adore him!

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## **Confession based on Romans 5:8**

We celebrate the triumphs of your grace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in that while we were your enemies you reconciled us to yourself.

**You demonstrated your love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We turn from our sins that deserve your wrath.**

We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we receive reconciliation.

**Justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Amen**

## **All - Age slot**

## Song: Jesus Strong And Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him

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**For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind**

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

**For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind  
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## **Children leave for their groups**

## **Church Family News**

**Prayers: 9am Paul German**

**11am Bob Edmonds**

### **Song: Speak O Lord**

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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**Reading: Isaiah 41:1-29 (p.726)**  
**9am Richard Davey**  
**11am Daniel Rowland**

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

## Sermon: 'Comfort for the weary: History under control'

Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

### Song: Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the host of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow  
down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness  
trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

**Come and behold Him,  
the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy,  
forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.**

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God.  
Only my Holy God.

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### Hymn: We Rest On Thee Our Shield And Our Defender

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our  
Defender!  
We go not forth alone against the foe;  
strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping  
tender,  
we rest on Thee and in Thy name we go.  
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping  
tender,  
we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.

Yes, in Thy name, O Captain of salvation!  
in Thy dear name, all other names above,  
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure  
Foundation,  
our Prince of glory and our King of love.  
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We go in faith, our own great weakness  
feeling,  
and needing more each day Thy grace to  
know:  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph  
pealing;  
we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph  
pealing;  
we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our  
Defender!  
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;  
when passing through the gates of pearly  
splendour,  
victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.  
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## Closing Prayer