

Welcome to our service this morning

Alistair Tresidder will be leading and preaching

Welcome and introduction

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Assurance of God's forgiveness

Prayers and the Collect

Almighty and eternal God, grant that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; and, so that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All-Age Spot

Colossians 1:9-14 (NIVUK)

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk

1. A prayer for knowledge, wisdom and understanding (9)
2. A life worth living (10-12)
 - bearing fruit in every good work
 - growing in the knowledge of God
 - being strengthened to endure
 - joyfully giving thanks

3. An incredible rescue (13-14)

- included in his inheritance
- rescued from the darkness
- brought into the kingdom of the Son
- redeemed
- forgiven

Song

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

News & Diary

***Introduction to Isaiah 1-12:** All welcome. Weds 7:30 for 7:45 start. Zoom info to be emailed or ask Tom for more details.

***Growth Groups** will be starting for the new year next week. Please sign up now by filling in the online form or speaking to Tom.

***Women's Bible Study:** Begins Monday 14th September. There will be two groups – one in the church at 9.45am and one on Zoom at 8pm. Email sheena.tres@gmail.com for details.

***Women's Day:** Saturday 26th September, St Luke's Church & livestreamed. Two talks on the theme "Encounters with Jesus". Doors open at 9.50am, to finish 12.15pm. Places must be booked, email sheena.tres@gmail.com for more info.

***Art Exhibition:** has been postponed.

News and closing prayer

If you are a visitor, or with us for the first time, please complete a welcome card and introduce yourself to someone on the staff team:

Alistair Tresidder (Minister) Tom Pountain (Curate)

Sheena Tresidder (Women's worker) Josh Kendall (Youth & Families worker) Susie Breatly (Administrator)



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