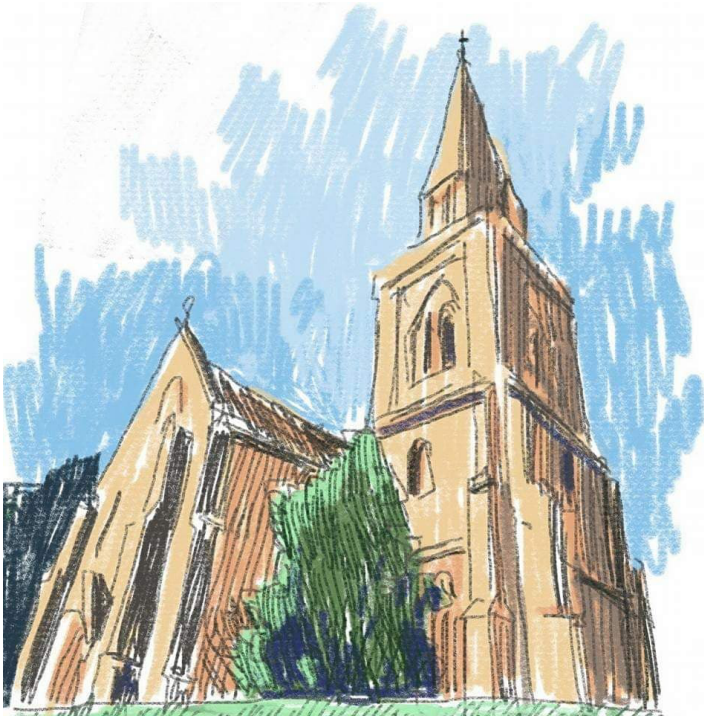




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ANGLICAN CHURCH DARLING POINT



3 January 2020
10am Congregation

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we can organise for someone to give you a call this week.

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts, and have broken your holy laws.

We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who repent, according to the promises declared to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

BIBLE READING - MATTHEW 11:25-30

Sophie Gerber

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

BIBLE READING - GALATIANS 6:1-9

Mark Herron

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

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CREED (Philippians 2:1-11)

Jesus Christ, in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SERMON

Fiona Isaacs

THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD

1. The perfect wisdom of our God,
revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
the secrets of the stars are His;
he guides the planets on their way,
and turns the earth through another day.

2. The matchless wisdom of His ways,
that mark the path of righteousness;
his word a lamp unto my feet,
his Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross,
that God should suffer for the lost
so that the fool might shame the wise,
and all the glory might go to Christ!

3. Oh grant me wisdom from above,
to pray for peace and cling to love,
and teach me humbly to receive
the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
within this tapestry of grace;
so through the trials I choose to say:
"Your perfect will in your perfect way."

Stuart Townend

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR CITY AND THE WORLD

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

NOTICES

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

4. High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. unknown (trans Eleanor Hull)

CLOSING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The course is presented

in a friendly and open environment and provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, deepen your understanding of God and learn more about the Bible. The evening involves a video presentation and then small group discussions. The next course commences 28 January 2021. For more details, please visit stmarksdp.org/ministries/alpha

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