



Sunday 25th February

Refreshments

Service is 'buffet style' at the end of the hall.

Please feel free to collect and replenish at any time during the morning

Offertory

Please place your offertory and any contributions towards the refreshments in the basket on the Refreshments Table.

Our Theme

Trusted Saviour, subject to testing or last-resort insurance - who is God for us?

Matthew 4. 5-7

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Isaiah 12. 1-2

'I will praise you, Lord.
Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.
2 Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and
my defence he has become my salvation.'

Further readings:

Matthew 8. 23-27
Psalm 13
Revelation 21. 1-6

NOTICES

Monday

10am Moments Cafe @ Christ Church
10.30am Job Advice @ Christ Church
12.30pm Elders' Meeting

Tuesday

11am Holy Communion @ Tudor Lodge

Wednesday

10am Tapestry
12 noon Lent Reflection & Lunch

Thursday

10am Tots & Tales @ Christ Church
2pm Singing for Pleasure @ Hobs Moat

Friday

Women's World Day of Prayer
10am @ St Helen's Church
7.30pm @ Langley School, Olton

Sunday 4th March

10am Holy Communion @ Christ Church

Monday 5th March

10am Shout Out for Girls workshop
@ The Manse

North Solihull Singers Concert supporting This Way Up

Our major charity event on 17th March
7.30pm Tickets £7 from Mark or Judy.
Please play your part and sell some to anyone else who may be interested. This will be a tremendous evening from an energetic choir.

Congratulations!

to Sam & Stuart Mills on the birth of Harry on Tuesday 9.30pm.

Newsletter for March

This is available today. Please take your copy and any you deliver to others.

Sunday and Flower Rotas

Volunteers for both are required. Please ensure you sign up if you are able to help.

God has proved his worth in Jesus. We continue to test God. What does this say about our faith?

We are used to being insured, responsibility for smoothing life taken by someone else. Is this God for us?

'All will be well in the end.' Is this God's salvation or is it real for us every day?

How can we help the Saviour to be real for those who are tempted to 'jump'?

Yes, God is good: in earth and sky,
from ocean-depths and spreading wood,
ten thousand voices seem to cry,
'God made us all, and God is good.'

The sun that keeps his trackless way
and downward pours his golden flood,
night's sparkling hosts, all seem to say
in accents clear, that God is good.

The merry birds prolong the strain,
their song with every spring renewed,
and balmy air and falling rain,
each softly whispers. 'God is good.'

I hear it in the rushing breeze;
the hills that have for ages stood,
the echoing sky and roaring seas,
all swell the chorus, 'God is good.'

For all thy gifts we bless thee, Lord,
but chiefly for our heavenly food,
thy pardoning grace, thy quickening word:
these prompt our song that God is good.

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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