

BRENTOR CHURCH

14th February 2021

Sunday Next Before

Lent

Led by Mrs Wendy Roderick



We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service

The Welcome

Minister: We come together today hear about God and God's people, to pray together, to enjoy each other's company, albeit it at a distance or virtually ... We also take time to thank God for the fact that we are able to meet here today without fear, and also for all that we have been given.

All: **We thank God for one another and for all we have been given.**

Psalm 139: 1-6

O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do.

You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

Amen.

Song:

Great is thy Faithfulness

The Confession

All: You called on human beings to care for your gift of creation, to care for one another as you care for us. We don't always do it well.

Lord, we are sorry ...

We are sorry that we don't always appreciate the world around us and those closest to us as we should.

Christ we are sorry ...

Lord, God of all, help us to do better, to be your hands in this world and to shine as a light in the world to the glory of your name.

Lord, we are sorry ...

Minister: Lord, we are indeed sorry when we don't always behave as we should. Thank you for the blessings we receive.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Prayer for Today

Minister: We thank you, Lord God, for this church community and for church communities around the world that we may call home. We thank you for those who have loved us as we are and have helped bring us closer to you.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Minister: We thank you, Lord God, for the fact that we have food to eat and water to drink. We thank you for those prepare the food for us and make sure we are looked after and that we have clean water so readily at our disposal.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Minister: We thank you, Lord God, for loving us and for the fact that we can call upon your name when we are in need, knowing that you will hear us. Strengthen us, Lord, in these challenging of times and help us bring comfort to others.

All: We thank you, Lord.

The Peace

Song:

Fill Your Hearts with Joy and Gladness

The Ministry of the Word

Reading: Song of Solomon 8: v 6,7

“Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters
cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one’s house,
it would be utterly scorned.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song:

There is a Hope That Burns Within my Heart

Reading: Mark 9: v 2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Talk

Intercessions:

Lord: **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Followed by 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 for ever.

Amen.

Song:

The Lord's My Shepherd

Blessing

Minister: God has given us the citizenship of heaven,
with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed.

All: Amen.

Minister: God gives the will to live each day in life eternal and the grace to
go forth and bear fruit in the world.

All: Amen.

Minister: God bring us eventually to the home that Christ prepares for all
who love him.

All: Amen.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,


To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,

And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace.

Amen.



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Mick, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Heather, Sally and Jimmy Hubbard, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Tom, Helen Hardy and family and Margaret.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially Margaret and Philip their families and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- The fire brigade and police services protecting our society.

Tues- People coping with the cold weather.

Wed- Those suffering with health issues.

Thurs- Businesses trying to understand new laws and regulations.

Fri- The NHS and key workers still working to keep us safe.

Sat- All the Christians sharing their faith.

Next Week:

9:45: Holy Communion with The Reverend Tony Vigers and The Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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