

# BRENTOR CHURCH

13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

before Lent

*Prayer and Praise*

Led by Sally and

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We warmly welcome everyone joining our  
service

All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church,  
toys are at the back, and parents, please don't worry  
about them!

## Welcome

*Theme: Exploring being blessed by God and being a blessing to others.*

**Reading: Jeremiah 17: v5-10**

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans,  
who rely on human strength  
and turn their hearts away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>They are like stunted shrubs in the desert,  
with no hope for the future.

They will live in the barren wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salty land.

<sup>7</sup>“But blessed are those who trust in the LORD  
and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.

<sup>8</sup>They are like trees planted along a riverbank,  
with roots that reach deep into the water.

Such trees are not bothered by the heat  
or worried by long months of drought.

Their leaves stay green,  
and they never stop producing fruit.

<sup>9</sup>“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things,  
and desperately wicked.

Who really knows how bad it is?

<sup>10</sup>But I, the LORD, search all hearts  
and examine secret motives.

I give all people their due rewards,  
according to what their actions deserve.”

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1.**

<sup>1</sup>Oh, the joys of those who do not  
follow the advice of the wicked,  
or stand around with sinners,  
or join in with mockers.

<sup>2</sup>But they delight in the law of the LORD,  
meditating on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted along the riverbank,  
bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,  
and they prosper in all they do.

<sup>4</sup> But not the wicked!

They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

<sup>5</sup> They will be condemned at the time of judgment.

Sinners will have no place among the godly.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the path of the godly,  
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

**The Gospel:** *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel reading: Luke 6: v17-26**

<sup>17</sup> When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. <sup>19</sup> Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,

“God blesses you who are poor,  
for the Kingdom of God is yours.

<sup>21</sup> God blesses you who are hungry now,  
for you will be satisfied.

God blesses you who weep now,  
for in due time you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

<sup>24</sup> “What sorrow awaits you who are rich,  
for you have your only happiness now.

<sup>25</sup> What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now,  
for a time of awful hunger awaits you.

What sorrow awaits you who laugh now,  
for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow.

<sup>26</sup> What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds,  
for their ancestors also praised false prophets.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*Song: Blest are the Pure in Heart (A&M 602)*

*Song: When to Our World the Saviour Came (A&M 525)*

*Song: Will You Come and Follow Me (A&M 510)*

*Song: Let There Be Love Shared Among Us (MP 411)*

**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:**

Nick & Julie, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Peter Cameron, Dave, Edward Walter, Izzy, Fran and family, Becky, Alex and family, Noah and his family Andrew, Clare and Elijah, Shirley, Steve, Hannah, Tom and families, Jon and family, Joyce and Maureen, Kieran, Amber and Nicola.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially their family and friends.

**Please pray:** Giving thanks and welcome for the safe arrival of a beautiful son born to Hannah and Tom.

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon** Those who are afraid, especially in their own home.

**Tues** Prayers for those in conflicts around the world

**Wed** Hopes for people keeping safe as we move into living with COVID

**Thurs** Thoughts for people around the world dealing with difficult weather conditions

**Fri** Our local charities and volunteers working for others

**Sat** Continuing thoughts and prayers for the decisions to be made within our Church community

**Next week:**

**9:45am:** Holy Communion at Christ Church with the Reverend Tony Vigers

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