

ST EDWARD'S, STOW

MORNING SERVICE

A SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR EVERYONE



Please join in with the words in **bold type**.

Welcome

Jesus says in the Bible that he is present with us wherever people are gathered in his name.

Hymn

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together as the family of God to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world and to seek forgiveness for our sins that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect – the special prayer of the day – is said

Praying together

(Please sit or kneel)

The response to each section of the prayers may be: Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices followed by our final hymn

We go out to serve God

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy Word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

We say sorry to God

(Please sit or kneel)

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For not loving you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as
ourselves;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We hear and respond to the Word of God

Bible reading(s)

At the end of the reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

(A hymn may be sung or a psalm may be said)

Talk

Believing together – The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn (During which we take the collection)