

St Peter's Church Woodmansterne

**19th July 2020
Life in the Spirit (2)
Communion Service**

Dear St Peter's Church Family,

Welcome to the Sunday at home service sheet. Thank you for all the messages we received so far. Please do get in touch with your comments and suggestions as we work out how best to enhance our corporate worship from our homes. We are encouraged to spend some time in worship using this sheet as a guideline.

Sunday Service 9.00am via Zoom: The Zoom details will be sent by email. If you don't have internet access you can join by phone (note this incurs a London phone charge) please contact Rachel for details (07816293554).

For this Service please have ready:

- Bread and wine for our virtual communion.

This Week's Service

Welcome to our virtual/at home service. We start as we usually do with notices!

Gwen Bushell

Gwen Bushell's funeral will take place on Monday July 20th. Please pray for David Bushell and his family.

If you would like to join us for the Service of Thanksgiving, you are welcome to log in to the live stream, using the details

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Login / Order ID: 39674

Password: mkxfdvbj

Praise and Prayer - now fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. The next August Praise and Prayer's will be Wednesday 5th and 19th August. Zoom details to follow nearer the time. If you have trouble accessing Zoom or want to join by phone contact Rachel: cfm@saintpeterschurch.org.uk

Church Open for Private Prayer: From week commencing 21st June the church will be open for private prayer once a week - **Wednesday 1pm – 5pm** this is to allow 72 hours after Sunday service.

Daily Hope line.

The Church of England has set up a 24 hours a day phone line which offers hymns, short reflections on hymns and prayers. The number to ring is 0800 804 8044.

Giving - if you would like to continue to give to St Peter's during this time you can pay by standing order using the following details: Sort Code: 40-52-40; Account number: 00098700; Account name: 'St Peters PCC' or send a cheque payable to St Peters PCC and your gift aid envelope to Alan Carter, 23 Prestbury Crescent, Woodmansterne, Surrey SM7 3PJ. Please note cheques may not be paid in immediately.

Food Bank

St Matthews are accepting donations of money for the foodbank. Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's PCC, marked 'Foodbank' on the back. Send to Foodbank at St Matthew's, c/o The Parish Office, 71 Station Road, Redhill RH1 1DL. More details are available at: <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

Deanery Wholeness and Healing Team have committed to praying at 5pm on last Sunday of the month during the coronavirus crisis. Please send requests for prayer to reigatedwandh@gmail.com

This will be confidential and requests only passed onto those on the team.

Oasis Bookshop – Wallington

Oasis has reopened. They are happy to deliver locally. They can be contacted on 0208773 1428 or www.oasiswallington.com.

Welcome and Notices

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING,

Joy of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find Thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith, as its beginning
Sets our hearts at liberty

Come, Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
'Til in Heaven we take our place
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love and praise..

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O Lord open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Invitation to confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Declaring God's forgiveness

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit
all our days.
Amen.

ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, BUILT MY LIFE UPON

All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness
Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best

You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Graham A Kendrick

Today's prayer

**Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Bible reading – Romans 8.9-25

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope

that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon – John Itumu, Rector

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.

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

At the end:

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Communion Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As Jesus taught us, so we pray
**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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Words of Invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Prayer after Communion

Then we all say

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, LORD OF ALL JOY,

Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy;
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day,

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day!

Jan Struther CCL6426

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...

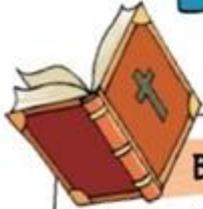
The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS PAGE

These pages are designed for children by the Together @ Home team but everyone is welcome to read them and have a go at the colouring in!

Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Daniel 4

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream – thank you that you can use even our most difficult times to help us learn more about you.

Help us to look for you and opportunities to tell others about you even in our most embarrassing and tough times.

There are many people facing challenging and difficult times at the moment, we pray that at the end of these times they will be able to look back and give you praise for bringing them through.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Who did King Nebuchadnezzar share his story with?

Verse 1 tells us that King Nebuchadnezzar wrote a letter to everybody in the world! He wanted everybody to know what God had done, even though King Nebuchadnezzar had made mistakes and been punished, even though it must have been embarrassing for others to know about the seven years when he was eating grass and not cutting his hair! King Nebuchadnezzar wanted everybody to know that God had kept his promise and brought him out of that strange time and returned him to his position as King. Even our most difficult and embarrassing times can be used by God to help others learn more about Him.

Some questions for children to ask adults

Can you think of a really embarrassing story from your own life? What lessons did it teach you?

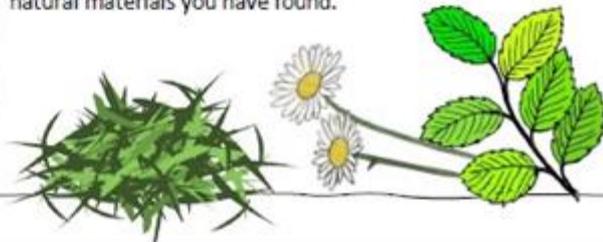
Family Activity 1

You will need: a piece of card e.g. a cereal box, glue, or tape

Create a feast fit for a King (who eats grass)!

Either from your garden or on your daily walk collect some grass, flowers, and leaves. Use them to create your own collage together. Tape or glue what you have collected into your own picture.

Perhaps you could make your a picture of King Nebuchadnezzar in the story of make a crown from the natural materials you have found.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

“IF ANYONE
BELONGS TO
CHRIST, THERE IS
A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD THINGS
HAVE GONE;
EVERYTHING IS
MADE NEW!”



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CORINTHIANS
5 v 17



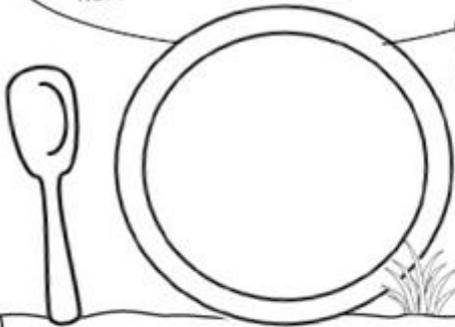
Puzzle Sheet

For seven years the King only ate grass and plants! Imagine what his first meal back in his palace might have looked like... draw it here.

How many patches of grass can you count on the page?

Can you put the fallen letters back in the right place? The first word has been done for you.

Daniel told the King that God wanted him to...



W I A T N S A N T Ø P
S H N N I I G R S G H D O
I D T



In the King's dream the tree was cut down leaving only a stump. God gave the King back his kingdom after seven years – can you complete this picture to show the whole tree?

Answer: There are 11 patches of grass on the page!



A verse to remember

2 Corinthians 5 v 17

"If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!"

Just like King Nebuchadnezzar, all of us have the opportunity of a fresh start as a friend of God. Because Jesus died and rose again for us, we all have our own story to share with others about the new life God has given us. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

Tell your story...

Spend some time sharing your own stories of your most embarrassing moment! If you have action figures, Lego, playdough, or cuddly toys around that you could use why not use them to share the story – or even ask your family to help you act it out!

Can you use items you have around the house to re-enact the story of King Nebuchadnezzar and his second dream? Just don't eat any real grass!



Active Prayer

King Nebuchadnezzar wrote a letter to be shared far and wide – he wanted everybody to know how God had brought him through his most difficult and messy time. He included the best and worst bits.

Write out a story of a day in the life of your family in your own words – you could even illustrate it with your own drawings. Include even the messy and embarrassing bits – as you write it think about how God was with you at each point in your day.

Why not share the story with another family either by sending them pictures or by posting your story through their letterbox?

Pray for all those who read your story that they would learn more about God's love by reading it.



Helping Older Children

Older children might question the fact that King Nebuchadnezzar was punished by God for his wrong behaviour. It may feel like our current situation is a punishment from God; but we know that even though we make mistakes the price has already been paid and Jesus has already taken the punishment that should have been ours.

We can believe and trust that God has good plans for our future. We may not know how long it will take but we do know that God has a future for us beyond this pandemic. We also know that God's heart for us is that we would be healthy and happy – coronavirus is not something that has come from God.