



St Peter's Church, Wootton

A vibrant, growing church at the heart of the
community spreading the love, joy and
peace of Jesus to all.

2nd Sunday in Lent

The Welcome (Shirley Northover)

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Opening Hymn (Paul Herrington) New Every Morning Is the Love BBC 392 4v

**New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely
brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of
heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray.**

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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 come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and live in love and peace with all

All **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.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us
from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us
in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Gen. 17: 1 – 7, 15-16 (Graham Maddocks)

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Second Hymn

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,**

**the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;**

O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

Oh, let me see Thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in Thy strength alone.
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

New Testament Reading: Mark 8: 31 – 38 (Garry Hayman)

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Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit by singing the Creed:

**We believe in God the Father, God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's King to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

Sermon (Ben Grist)

Intercessions (Graham Maddocks)

In response to: Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Concluding:

All **Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

All **Our Father 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.
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**

Final Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me? BBC 352 4v

**Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you,
And with us all.**

Final prayer and Blessing

All **Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**May we know your special love and help at this time,
your compassion and your comfort, and
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, and all whom we love, now and always. Amen**

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