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FAMILY SERVICE

13th July 2025



Sea Sunday

Welcome to this service. You are invited to join in with the words in **bold**. When words are in ***bold italic*** they are sung.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner you are welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

Today we will hear about the work of the Mission to the Seafarers and support them through prayer and action.

Welcome

The service leader greets us with these words, please remain seated.

One: We meet in the name of God the Creator who gathered the waters to form the seas.

We meet in the name of God the Son who calmed the storm and walked on water.

We meet in the name of the God the Holy Spirit, who swept over the face of the waters in creation.

Many: **Amen.**

We receive words of welcome and an introduction to the service,

Hymn: Gather us in

We stand as able to sing

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,

gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away.
But here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haughen

Dramatised reading: Luke 10:25-37

We sit as we listen and watch this morning's reading.

What does it mean to live in God's kingdom?

Jesus explained it in one of his talks.

It means loving your enemy.

"It's no hard thing to love your friends," Jesus said.

"Everybody does that, but loving someone who has hurt you is hard, so look at what God does. God sends the sun to shine on people who do good things, and on people who don't. Follow his example."

Another time, to make sure that people really understood this teaching, he told a story - a parable.

He told it in answer to a question from an expert in the Jewish Law - a man who was trying to trip Jesus up.

"What should I do to live forever with God?" the man said.

"What does your law say?" Jesus answered. "Tell me how you understand it."

"Love God with all your heart soul mind and strength," the man replied, "and love your neighbour like you love yourself."

"I couldn't agree more," said Jesus. "Do that and you will live forever with God."

And then the Expert went one step further, hoping still to find some way to criticise Jesus.

"But who exactly is my neighbour?" He asked.

"Once, there was a Jewish man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho," Jesus said. "Along the way he was attacked by robbers who stole everything he had and left him by the side of the road half dead."

"As it happened, a priest came by.

(Surely he will help them man)

but the priest didn't help him - he crossed to the other side of the road and carried on."

"Next, a Temple worker came by."

(Surely he will help the man!)

but the temple worker didn't help him. He crossed over to the other side of the road as well."

"And then a Samaritan happened to come by."

(Surely he won't help him out.) The Samaritans and Jews had been enemies for hundreds of years. The man who asked the question knew this fact, and that is why Jesus finished the story the way he did.

"The Samaritan did not cross over to the other side, he did not walk away. He felt sorry for the man. He wrapped up his wounds. He put him on a donkey and he took him to a nearby inn and cared for him.

The next morning, the Samaritan had to carry on with his journey, so he gave the innkeeper some money - worth two days wages. 'Take care of him,' the Samaritan said, 'and if it costs more than this, I will pay you the rest when I return.' "

Having told this story Jesus asked the man a question.

" 'Who is my neighbour,' that's what you asked. So tell me which of these three men proved to be a neighbour to the man who had been robbed?"

and the Expert replied, "the one who showed him mercy - the one who felt sorry for the man, who wrapped up his wounds. He put him on a donkey and who took him to a nearby inn and cared for him."

"I couldn't agree more," Jesus smiled. "Now you go and do the same."

Confession

We take some time to consider the sins of the world, and our sin.

We remain seated to confess our sin, using these responses

One: We are sorry for when we ignore the needs of our
neighbours
God forgives us

Many: Forgive us and help us

One: We are sorry that we sometimes think of ourselves as
more important than other.
God forgives us

Many: Forgive us and help us

One: We are sorry that we don't always see your image in
our neighbours near and far
God forgives us

Many: Forgive us and help us

Receiving God's forgiveness

We are assured of God's love and forgiveness by the service leader;

One: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit
and raise you to new life through Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen

Hymn: Timeless love

Rejoicing in God's unfailing love and forgiveness we stand as able to sing number 268 in Common Praise.

Reflection: Seafarers, neighbours and Smethwick

We remain seated to listen and share.

During the reflection we will be invited to sing;

When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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Prayers

We sit as we are led in prayer. At the end of each bidding this response is used;

One: Lord in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer

Our prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer;

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or language comes most naturally:

**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**

**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.
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,**

**are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices, including any banns of marriage.

Offertory Hymn: I The Lord of Sea and Sky

We stand as able to join in our final hymn, number 470 in Common Praise. During which we will offer our knitting, prayers and any cash donations to the Mission to the Seafarers.

There will also be a collection for the mission and ministry of the church. If you can gift-aid cash donations please fill in a yellow envelope. You can also give through the contactless card-reader on exit if you would like to.

At the end of the hymn we say together:

**Many: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.
Accept these gifts, and our lives;
use them for your glory! Amen.**

Blessing

We remain standing as able

**One: Lord God,
be the ship that holds us in the sea of life,
be the rudder that keeps us on the straight course.
May your Spirit fill our sails to carry us through each
day,**

and keep our bodies strong so that we may paddle
steadfastly on in the voyage of life.
And the blessing of God...

Many: Amen

One: We go, with God's blessing.

Many: We go, filled with God's love! Amen.

*Our voluntary today is called 'Cloudspaces', by McDonagh and is
played by Amrit Singh.*

*Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after
the service. Do stay if you can.*

*We love that our youngest members feel free and able to be
themselves in their church. Please do be mindful of areas where hot
drinks are served and carried and ask your children to take extra care
when in these. Thank you!*

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 16 th July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th July 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 rd July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th July 10:30am:	Holy Communion and Holy Baptism (outside if weather permitting!)

PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and computerate literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an

enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

We have a full programme of concerts by students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, with lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm on the second Friday of the month, and evening concerts at 7.30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month. The programme this quarter is;

Saturday 30th August 7:30pm

Friday 12th September 1pm

Saturday 27th September 7:30pm

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations for church funds are welcome. Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com. Angela, Terry and Marian.

TIDYING THE GARDEN AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH

The monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will continue to be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2025 dates will be: 2nd August, 6th September, and 4th October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER WORSHIP ROTA

I am putting together the rota for Sunday mornings for the final part of the year. If you would like to be on it to read or lead intercessions please let me know.

All volunteer roles in church require Basic Safeguarding Training which will be arranged before anyone new starts. Jenni

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