

Morning Service – Sunday, 16th August 2020
St Michael's Blundellsands

When I survey the wondrous cross

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"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." **Psalm 100:4-5**

O Lord open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Give us the joy of your saving help

And sustain us with your life-giving spirit

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sins.

Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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.

Tree of Thanksgiving

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1v18-25 Read by Pat

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Talk by Neil

If you would like to hear the second part of Neil's talk you will need to click on https://youtu.be/aHRAZMm_cdA

Prayers led by Ruth

Lord, You have blessed us as a church through these difficult times.

We have felt Your hand of grace, forgiveness and healing.

Today, as a congregation, we want to publicly express our gratitude to You.

We thank You that even when sickness makes our future uncertain, You are with us, strengthening, healing and encouraging.

We thank you for all you give us, knowing that You are a generous and gracious father.

For these blessings, Lord, we give You thanks. Amen.

Praise God for the message of the cross.

Praise God that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only begotten Son to be our Saviour - to die on the cross so that we might live with Him forever.

Praise God that Jesus became a man and died on the cross to be our substitute for sin.

Thank You that He broke the power of sin and death to all who believe on His name - to whom be all praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We say together the Lord's 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.

To be in your presence

Interview with Moyra about Church flowers.

If you would like to supply flowers for church or money for Moyra to buy flowers, please ring her on 07974647060

The Blessing

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Now thank we all our God

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