

# Summer Programme Services

**in-church in St Peter's at 10:00am**  
**on-line via Facebook from 10:00am**

**Sunday 25th July 2021**  
*the seventh Sunday after Trinity*

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*by Revd Mark Wallace*

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### HYMN: Creator God

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,  
your glory shines in all that you have made;  
you spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness —  
all earth replies: "majestic is your name!"  
And who am I, though made below the angels,  
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent  
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,  
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.  
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners  
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?  
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,  
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,  
death could not hold the one who authored life!  
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness  
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.  
And who are we, that you would call us children  
and raise us up from death to life with you,  
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:  
"O praise the one who's making all things new!"?

And so we wait in eager expectation,  
and join the song as all creation groans:  
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
the Day you call your sons and daughters home."

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## PRAYER OF 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.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## BIBLE READING: Ephesians 3.1-21

*read by Peter Wallace*

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus  
for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration  
of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is,  
the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I  
have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then,  
you will be able to understand my insight into the  
mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to  
people in other generations as it has now been  
revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and  
prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel  
the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members  
together of one body, and sharers together in the  
promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of  
God's grace given me through the working of his  
power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the  
Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to  
the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to  
make plain to everyone the administration of this  
mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in  
God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that  
now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of  
God should be made known to the rulers and  
authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to  
his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ  
Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we  
may approach God with freedom and confidence.  
<sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged  
because of my sufferings for you, which are your  
glory.

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from  
whom every family in heaven and on earth derives  
its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he  
may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in  
your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your  
hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being  
rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power,  
together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp  
how wide and long and high and deep is the love of  
Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses  
knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure  
of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably  
more than all we ask or imagine, according to his  
power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in  
the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## THE SERMON

*preacher: Revd Chris Moore  
Rector of the Fownhope Benefice  
& Regional Director with Church Society*

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## THE CREED

**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, [\* ie. 'universal' or 'whole']  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## THE PRAYERS

*led by Clare Reid*

*to finish with the Lord's Prayer...*

**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.**

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## SOMETHING EXTRA: "LIFE EXPLORED"

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### HYMN: O Breath of Life

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your Church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your Church in ev'ry part!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then, in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore - for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting -  
equip thy Church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

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## THE CONCLUSION

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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