

St Mary's Church, Walkley



The Church on the Road:
Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God

A Memorial Service in Commemoration of the Departed

30th October 2022

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

We hope through prayer, silence and candlelight you find space to remember, with joy and sorrow, those who we offer to God those in our hearts at this time. Refreshments will be served after the service to which all are welcome.

The Preparation

Minister In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace mercy and peace be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Minister God our refuge and strength,
close at hand in our distress;
meet us in our sorrow
and lift our eyes to the peace and light of your constant care.
Help us so to hear your word of grace
that our fear will be dispelled by your love,
our loneliness eased by your presence
and our hope renewed by your promises in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The minister introduces the service.

The Opening Hymn

We remain standing and we sing number 475.

We sit.

The Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us acknowledge our shortcomings, and ask forgiveness for all the times that we have gone wrong.

We keep a time of silence.

All **Almighty God,
For the times we have seen our way as the only way,
we ask your forgiveness.
For the things we have said which have hurt and torn others,
we ask your forgiveness.
For when we have turned away
from helping those who needed it,
we ask your forgiveness.
Bring us back to yourself and cloak us in your love so that we
may live and love as children of God.
Amen.**

Minister May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All **Amen.**

A Reading: I will remember you

I will remember you.
It might be in the quiet moment,
Or when I am surrounded by others.
It might be with laughter, or through tears.
It might be in sadness or with a smile.
I will remember you- how could I not?
You are my past, my present, and my future.
Your life and mine are one together.
That bond is not broken,
Even though I see you no longer.
I will remember you
Always.

The Hymn

We stand and we sing hymn number 490.

The Word of God

The Reading: John 6. 37 - 40

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said, 'Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Reflection

We remain seated as the choir sings 'Going Home, Moving On - Michael Forster.

The Act of Remembrance

The Paschal Candle, the great candle of Easter, is lit as a sign of the resurrection hope in Christ Jesus.

Minister Almighty God
we give you thanks
because Christ our paschal sacrifice
has made us children of the light,
rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven
to receive his faithful people.
His death is our ransom from death,
his resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

All **Amen.**

The Choir sings 'As the deer longs for running streams - Bob Hurd' during which you are invited to come to the front to have your candle lit from the Easter Candle.

We remain seated to sing Hymn 54

Once all who wish to come forward to have their candles lit have done so, the names of whose we have been asked to remember will be read out.

We keep a time of silence.

Minister Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

We remain seated or kneel.

Intercessor Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Intercessor May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

The Closing Hymn

We stand and we sing hymn number 313.

The Conclusion

All **Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Minister May God give us
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Minister Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*You are welcome to spend time in quiet contemplation following the service.
We ask that when you are ready to leave please come and place your candle
on the table in front of the altar.*

***Coffee and tea are served after the service at the back
of the church.***

*Please be mindful of those who prefer to keep their
distance from others at the moment.*

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