

WELCOME AND NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID

Baptism of Liam Newell at 12.30pm
Tuesday at 2pm and Wednesday at
7.30pm Christianity Explored begins.
5th Sunday giving on 29th May is as a
Thanksgiving for getting through the
pandemic.

Banns of marriage: George Henry Booth
and Emma Jane Strivens (3rd).

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus said, "I have come that they may
have life, and have it to the full."
(John 10:10).

OPENING PRAYER

God of life and truth, we gather before
you
with faith and love on this Sunday.
Open our hearts to your love,
our minds to your truth,
and our lives to your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONGS:

GOD YOU HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS

God, you have done great things
God, You give grace to the weak,
And bless the broken-hearted
with a song of praise to sing.
You reached down and lifted us up,
You came running, looking for us.
And now there's nothing,
and no one beyond Your love.

*You're the overflow,
You're the fountain of my heart,
So let Your mercy rain,
let Your mercy rain on us.
You're the faithful One*

when the world's falling apart.

*So let Your mercy rain,
let Your mercy rain on us.*

How deep, how wide,
how long, how high
Is Your love, is Your love.
How deep, how wide,
how long, how high
Is Your love, is Your love, O God.

YOU CHOSE THE CROSS

You chose the cross with every breath
The perfect life, the perfect death
You chose the cross
A crown of thorns you wore for us
And crowned us with eternal life
You chose the cross
And though your soul was overwhelmed
with pain
Obedient to death you overcame

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love
I'm lost in praise for evermore
Because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven, I am restored
You loosed the chords of sinfulness
And broke the chains of my disgrace*

You chose the cross
Up from the grave victorious
You rose again so glorious
You chose the cross
The sorrow that surrounded you was
mine
Yet not my will but yours be done you
cried

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love
I'm lost in praise for evermore
Because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven, I am restored*

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed
away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(we sing)

Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed
away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(we sing)

Come, Lord Jesus come (x4).

Holy Spirit, come (x4).

CONFESSION

Let us come before the Lord with humble
hearts and confess our sins.
Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have
been,
help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND PRAYER FOR SUNDAY CLUB

Loving God, in your generosity
you have given us life
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ.
Now bless these gifts
and our lives for your kingdom's sake.

We pray now for the Sunday Club,
that both the children and adults
would know the joy of your presence
and the power of your Holy Spirit
that together they may grow closer to
you;
and we pray for ourselves
that as we listen to your Word
we may also know the presence
and power of your Holy Spirit,
that our minds may be opened to your
truth.
All this we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

READING: 1 John 5:5-13

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

REFLECTION: WAIT FOR THE PROMISE (4)

Eternal Life in the Son

Peter Groom

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord our God, we pray for your Church; your Church here in Bowthorpe and in Norwich, and your Church throughout the world. Bless your people with unity and love. Where your Church is divided, remind it of the unity you enjoy as one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And where your Church lacks love, remind it of the love you have for your people seen at

the cross. We especially pray for the Church where it is persecuted, asking that you would strengthen your people.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, for families displaced and divided by war. We pray for those now settling in other countries and who are worried about husbands, fathers, sons. We pray for a peaceful and just resolution to this war.

We pray for the Queen and the royal family as they and we prepare to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen's reign. We pray for our own family, friends and neighbours, and for the ways we can celebrate together. In these testing times, help us to foster ties with those nearest and dearest to us and with others from afar.

We pray for our community of Bowthorpe, that all within its embrace may know they are remembered in love. Bless them with joy despite the difficulties they continue to face. We pray for all in this community who are facing difficulty because of increased energy and food bills, and we thank you for the Food Bank helping those in most need.

Lord our God, we pray for all those who grieve, especially today remembering the family of Lee Butt. We pray for lost loved ones, for lost health or work or hope. Finally we pray for ourselves, that we may be faithful to you in all we say and do, that our lives may not betray our love for you but express the eternal life you offer us in Christ. All these things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG: HERE IS BREAD

**Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
Break the bread, drink the wine –**

Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
Know His grace, find His peace –
Feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life forever;
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us – He is with us;
We'll proclaim, till He comes –
Jesus crucified.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life forever;
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

THE PEACE

The Lord gives us his peace and invites us
to share it.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us share with one another a sign of
peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.
It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject
us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
All You embraced us as your children

**and welcomed us to sit and eat
with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon
the cross
and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance
of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of
the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness
of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and
this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen
Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the
world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song
of heaven:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink
this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life
The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding
us with the Body and Blood of your Son
Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.
What heights of love, what depths of
peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

**Gracious Lord, we thank and praise you
for the life you offer us day by day.
May we go from here
and live your life
so that others may come to wonder
at your eternal gift
and begin a journey of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.