

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



The Light shines in the darkness



St Swithun's Church
Nately Scares

Sunday 30th October 2016 4.00pm

Please join in with the words in **bold type**

WELCOME

HYMN

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way
for the King of kings, for the King of kings.
Make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the pris'ners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance;
the blind shall see

Make way...

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

Make way...

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall.

Make way...

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Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

We come from across the Benefice to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence

As God's people we have gathered.
Let us worship him together.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us look into our hearts and confess our sins.

We have not always worshipped God our creator:

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

We have not always walked in the light of Christ our saviour:

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide:

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

ABSOLUTION

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

THE COLLECT

Glorious God, you have taken hold of us and made us your own. In the power of your Spirit give us grace to press on in your purposes, loving one another, learning together and living the mission of him who calls us onwards, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

John 1: 1-14

(followed by a brief talk)

HYMN

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above;
it shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do,
shine my light both far and near,
shine my light both bright and clear;
where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

This little light...

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday peace came from above,
Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
Thursday he gave me a little more grace,
Friday he told me to watch and pray,
Saturday he told me just what to say,
on Sunday he gave me the pow'r divine
to let my little light shine.

This little light...

SECOND READING

John 3: 19-21

(followed by a brief talk)

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of his peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Question:

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer:

Listen and you will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You continually search us out and know us. You knit us together when we were in the womb; wherever we go your hand shall lead us, and we are always in your presence.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question:

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer:

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question:

How do we follow Christ?

Answer:

Listen and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

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 THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Eat this in memory of one who died, in honour of one who lives, in anticipation of one who will come again.

Drink this, recalling the past, celebrating the present and trusting in God's future.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the Bread of life. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

1. Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place,
let there be light.

2. Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
heal to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

THE BLESSING

May Christ draw you to humility and worship, and bring you to see God at work; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

“Your world is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” Psalm 119



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refreshments
after the service*





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