

# THE UNITED PARISH

*Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community*

## A CELEBRATION OF ST GEORGE

**St Mary's Church  
Greywell**

**Sunday 24th April  
11.00am**



*Please say the words in **bold type***

## **WELCOME AND NOTICES**

**HYMN** - *please stand*

**And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did that countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our crowded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here,  
Among those dark Satanic mills.**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.**

## **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Come close to God and he will come close to you

**All: O God our heavenly Father, in our worship help us to come near to you, to sing your praise, to confess our sins, to hear your word and to bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION** - saying sorry to God - *please sit or kneel*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. Let us tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask him to forgive us.

For turning away from you  
and ignoring your will for our lives:  
Father forgive us   **All: Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish  
without thinking of you:  
Father forgive us   **All: Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say:  
Father forgive us   **All: Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us  
Father forgive us   **All: Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son  
Father forgive us   **All: Save us and help us.**

May God our heavenly Father forgive us all the sins we have now confessed to him and help us to serve him better in the days to come.   **Amen.**

## **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.**

## SHARING

..... *our news, our birthdays.....*

## HYMN

He who would valiant be  
'gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round  
with dismal stories  
Do but themselves confound –  
his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might;  
though he with giants fight,  
He will make good his right  
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend  
us with Thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

## THE STORY OF ST GEORGE

### THE BIBLE READING - *please sit*

*We listen to God's word.*

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The children are invited to come to the front.*

## THE TALK

## SONG

Be bold – *be bold*  
Be strong – *be strong*  
For the Lord your God is with you.  
Be bold – *be bold*  
Be strong – *be strong*  
For the Lord your God is with you.  
I am not afraid – *No! No! No!*  
I am not dismayed,  
Because I'm walking in faith and victory,  
Come on and walk in faith and victory,  
For the Lord your God is with you.

## HYMN - *please stand*

1

Jesus, Lord of our salvation,  
for thy warrior, bold and true,  
now accept our thankful praises,  
and our strength do thou renew,  
that, like George, with courage dauntless  
we may all our foes subdue.

2

Blazoned on our country's banner  
England bears the knightly sign:  
Lord, our fatherland empower,  
that, endued with strength divine,  
she may evermore with courage  
bear the standard that is thine.

3

Fill her youth with manly spirit,  
patient, self-restrained, and pure,  
of thy cause the ready champions,  
never flinching to endure  
hardness for the name of Jesus:  
so their triumph shall be sure.

4

Teach her manhood to confess thee  
as the Master, Lord, and King;  
all their powers consecrated  
to thy service may men bring,  
and of loyal speech and action  
make to thee an offering.

5

Jesus, Lord, thou mighty Victor,  
thy all-glorious name we praise:  
thou art with us, God almighty;  
'midst our ranks thy shout we raise:  
where thy kingly war-cry soundeth,  
lead us on through all our days.

## **THE CREED** - *remain standing*

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe and trust in God the Father who made all things.**

**We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.**

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

May Almighty God strengthen this faith in us day by day. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER TIME** - *please sit or kneel*

## **HYMN** - *please stand - a collection will be taken*

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

## **CLOSING PRAYERS** - *remain standing*

O Lord as we leave your house may the words, which we have heard, and the prayers, which we have said, help us to keep close to you in our daily lives. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

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



*Please stay  
for refreshments  
after the service  
... and visit the  
'Earth Day' stand  
Competition for  
the best costume as  
St George or the Dragon!*



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**Our Mission is to:**

- † work together to grow God's kingdom**
- † reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- † be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**

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