Order of Service for Sunday morning – 9th March 2025

Fiona Kennedy is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer	
Song: '10,000 reasons' (Bless the Lord)	
BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL O MY SOUL Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name	
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before Let me be singing when the evening comes	me
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find	
And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore	
Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name	
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name	
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Children's Talk: Corinne Brixton

Children's song: 'Super Saviour'

WHO CAN SAVE THE DAY

Take our sins away Who can rescue us With mighty power

Super Saviour to the rescue Super Saviour mighty to save Look look Here comes Jesus Up up And out of the grave (REPEAT)

He's the death crusher (death crusher)
Sin smasher (sin smasher)
Who's the mighty super Saviour
Jesus
(REPEAT)
1-2-3-4

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Children aged 0-11 (Year 6) leave for their own activities downstairs.

This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-10) will also go downstairs.

Song: 'Two sins have we committed'

TWO SINS HAVE WE COMMITTED,

two sins that we cannot deny: we've turned from you, the fount of living water and have tried to drink from cisterns cracked and dry.

Two sins have we committed, two sins are plain before our eyes: we've turned away from the truth that brings us freedom and have settled for those sweet enslaving lies.

What fools we are. How blind we are. Have mercy, Lord, mercy on us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us see. Change our hearts that we might live for you, O Lord, for you, O Lord, always.

Two sins have we committed, two sins at which you stand appalled: we've turned from you, our glorious Creator and have worshipped things that are no gods at all.

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Notices

Confession:

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayers: Jack Brooks

Reading: Psalm 119:65-88 on page 619 (Abi Naidu)

Song: 'As the heavens are higher'

AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH

So His ways are higher than the ways of this world And His thoughts run deeper than the mind of man Father break into our darkened hearts

Come and drink the river of His Word
If you thirst for water that can satisfy
Come and join the banquet at the Master's feast
Where His love and faithfulness provide

Come and listen to His gentle voice
For the words He speaks to us are Spirit and life
Come and seek your Saviour while He may be found
Sure that Jesus' words can never lie

I will trust in You as You speak to me
I will turn to You as You call my name
As the rain gives life on this arid ground
So Your word will bring Your children home

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Sermon: Longing for God in His word

Song: 'Lord be my vision'

LORD BE MY VISION SUPREME IN MY HEART

Bid every rival give way and depart You my best thought in the day or the night Waking or sleeping your presence my light

Lord be my wisdom and be my true word I ever with you and you with me Lord You my great Father and I your true child Once far away but by love reconciled

Lord be my breastplate my sword for the fight Be my strong armour for you are my might You are my shelter and you my high tower Raise me to heaven O Power of my power

I need no riches nor earth's empty praise You my inheritance through all my days All of your treasure to me you impart High King of heaven the first in my heart

High King of heaven when battle is done Grant heaven's joy to me bright heaven's sun Christ of my own heart whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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Closing Prayer