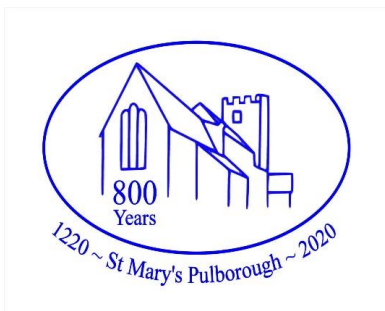




Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church



‘Journeying Together’

**CHURCHES TOGETHER in
PULBOROUGH**

Sunday 21st January, 2024 at 4pm

*Music provided by Tony Hancock, St Mary's Church organist and
the United Reformed Church Music Group*

Opening organ music: "Gavotte in the style of S.S. Wesley"
Eric Thiman.

Welcome and Introduction

*by The Reverend Anne Lewitt
Minister of Pulborough United Reformed Church*

We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

The Lighting of the Easter Candle

*This symbolizes the Lord's presence with his people;
his Body on earth.*



**HYMN: O&N 531
Michael Foster (b. 1946)**

- 1 Onward, Christian pilgrims
Christ will be our light;
see, the heav'nly vision
breaks upon our sight!
Out of death's enslavement
Christ has set us free,
On then to salvation,
hope and liberty.**

***Onward, Christian pilgrims
Christ will be our light;
see, the heav'nly vision
breaks upon our sight!***

2 **Onward, Christian pilgrims,
up the rocky way,
where the dying Saviour
bids us watch and pray.
Through the darkened valley
walk with those who mourn,
share the pain and anger,
share the promised dawn!** ***Chorus***

3 **Onward, Christian pilgrims,
in the early dawn;
death's great seal is broken,
life and hope reborn!
Faith in resurrection
strengthens pilgrim's hearts,
ev'ry load is lightened,
ev'ry fear departs.** ***Chorus***

4 **Onward, Christian pilgrims,
hearts and voices raise,
till the whole creation
echoes perfect praise;
swords are turned to ploughshares,
pride and envy cease,
truth embraces justice,
hope resolves in peace.** ***Chorus***

The Opening Prayer

All turn and face the Easter Candle which is in front of the West Door. A representative from each congregation will take a light from it. The Easter Candle and accompanying lights will be carried through the church and placed at the East end around a cross. This movement represents our 'journeying together' in the presence of the Risen Lord.

Following this we say:

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all.

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

WORSHIP SONG

Purify my heart by Brian Doerksen

- 1 **Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.**

*Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy;
Set apart for You, my master,
Ready to do Your will.*

**2 Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. Refrain**

Please sit

The Word of God

We say together Psalm 122

**I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’**

**And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

**Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.**

**Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

**For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.**

**O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
‘May they prosper who love you.**

**‘Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.’**

**For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.**

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24. 13-35

Read by: Liz Sollom from The United Reformed Church

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the

prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Address

Fr Paul, Rector of St Mary's Church

Please stand

- King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.
*Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.***

- 2 Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise. *Refrain*

The words of the above may be repeated

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession
The Reverend Judith Ellis –
and members of Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church



Please stand

HYMN: NEH 408 (1st Tune)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

An Act of Commitment and Service
led by The Reverend Anne Lewitt

HYMN: O&N 68

1 Be still, my soul, the Lord is at your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

- 2 **Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul, the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**
- 3 **Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

The Closing Prayer and Blessing
The Reverend Anne Lewitt

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
three persons in one God,
inspire you to live as one,
that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us and remain with us now and always. **Amen**

HYMN: O&N 525
Sydney Bertram Carter

- 1 **One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.**

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.*

- 2 Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me. *Chorus*
- 3 As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know. *Chorus*
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you. *Chorus*
- 5 You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you. *Chorus*

The Reverend Anne Lewitt concludes the service with these words:

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Concluding organ music: "Postlude in D"
"Healey Willan".*

Do join us for refreshments

**There will be a retiring collection in aid of
Family Support Work (FSW)**

Thank you so much for your support

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Written by the Chemin Neuf Community

