

Welcome to Café Church Pershore

<u>Sunday 8 May 2022</u>

It's great to have you with us. Grab a coffee/tea/ juice and help yourself to some refreshments.

Feel free to let the kids play with the toys and do colouring. Don't worry about noise. God loves to hear the joy of his people, especially his young ones.

Our time is for around 45 minutes, and we hope you have a fab time.

Here is the order of service. You are invited to join in with the **bits in bold**.



Order of Service

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say sorry to God for the things we have got wrong

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The leader shares the assurance of God's forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our* sins, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song – One More Step

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 traveling along with you

Refrain:

And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me traveling along with you

'Round the corners of the world I turn More and more about the world I learn And the new things that I see You'll be looking at along with me *[Refrain:]*

As I travel through the bad and good Keep me traveling the way I should Where I see no way to go You'll be telling me the way, I know **[Refrain:]**

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 traveling along with you **[Refrain:]**

You are older than the world can be You are younger than the life in me Ever old and ever new Keep me traveling along with you **[Refrain:]**

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Let's listen now to God's Word - Psalm 23

A psalm of David The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil. for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Now sit back and listen to today's short talk

Song – The Lords my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

Refrain:

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone, For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home. He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. **[Refrain:]**

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know **[Refrain x 2:]**

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We have a short time of prayer together

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 Collect- The Church's special prayer of the day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Final Prayer

Jesus, our good shepherd, lead us out into the world and never lose sight of us.

Amen.

Song - My lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh) I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

You are my light My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms

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Blessing

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

Amen.

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Café Church next date: 12 June 2022

Parish Coffee Morning Saturday May 28 1030 - 1200

You are all invited to drop in to the **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat.

It would be lovely to see new, and not-so-new, faces getting together in a social setting – at last!



All are welcome so please do come along.