

Christ Church Stocksbridge

"Together at Home"

with Crane Moor and Green Moor

Sunday 14th February 2021

Wow!

Call to worship

People of God, let us raise our expectations of what it means to encounter our Lord in this place. Let us be open to our Lord revealing something of his divine nature to us, and changing the way we see the world.

Hymn : 341 by W J Sparrow Simpson

All for Jesus--all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus--thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus--thou hast died;
all for Jesus--thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus--all for Jesus--
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, her sons are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

Welcome and Activity

Joys and Concerns

Offertory Prayer

The Lectionary

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Bible Reading : Mark 9 vv 2-9

The Transfiguration

² Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they

were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, ³ and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them.

⁴ Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say.

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my own dear Son—listen to him!" ⁸ They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them.

⁹ As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death."

Word

Hymn : Zimbabwe traditional adapted by Tom Colvin :

God grant that we may be transformed,
united all in one.
A new community of love,
by whom your will be done.

Release us from the power of pride,
from selfishness us free.
Bring us to that new life in Christ,
of sharing willingly.

This wisdom, hidden from the rich,
is good news to the poor;
God counts our wealth by how we share
not by how much we store.

We'll sing together from our hearts,
with joy made clear to all.

We trust that as we walk with you,
you'll lift us when we fall.

Prayers

Lord, whereas it's part of our faith walk to seek
and be open to life-changing moments,
forgive us when we just plod through life
and get despondent with the mundane.

We are sorry, Lord.

Shine on us, we pray.

On the other hand,
we can at times get fixated on the spiritual mountain-
tops
and so miss out on what's happening below in the
everyday.

When things are going well for us,
we can get wrapped up in the moment and be
forgetful of others.

We're sorry, Lord.

Shine on us, we pray.

There are many voices tuned into today's world
telling us how to live and what's best.
But you, Lord, are our authority in life.
Forgive us when we fail to test things against your
word.

We're sorry, Lord.

Shine on us, we pray.

Amen.

We close our eyes and imagine.

We open our eyes and see.

We close our eyes and see visions.

We open our eyes and find others.

We close our eyes and dream dreams.

We open our eyes and look for Jesus.

Eyes closed. Eyes opened.

Lord Jesus, may we always see you.

Amen.

Life before you, Jesus, was empty, void.
But, wow! What a difference your presence makes!
We are so grateful for the day we tuned into the
'good news'.
What a wonder it is that the light seen by the
disciples on the mountain can be seen shining in us
today.
Thank you, Lord, for your transforming power.

Amen.

**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.**

Hymn 676 by Charles Wesley

Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who Thy mystic body are.

Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of Thine;
still for more on Thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.

Closer knit to thee, our Head,
nourish us, O Christ, and feed;
let us daily growth receive,
more and more in Jesus live.

Move and actuate and guide,
diverse gifts to each divide;
placed according to thy will,
let us all our work fulfil.

Sweetly now we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy,
kindly for each other care:
every member feel its share.

The Grace and the Vesper

Lord Jesus, raise our expectations
of what it means to encounter you,
not just in this place but in every place,
in all the places we shall be in the days ahead.
Help us every day to discover something new
about your ways, about what you want of us –
and change the way we see the world,
and the way we act.

**The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and fellowship together in the Holy Spirit, be with us
all, now and evermore.**

Take, oh take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart, and live in me. *Repeat*

Now let us all enjoy a cup of tea or coffee together.