



Welcome
to Bloomsbury
Sunday 19 February
.....and a special welcome if
you are a visitor here today

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Open us to glory

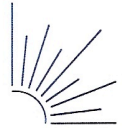
Open us to asking questions

Open us to the adventure they lead us towards

**Open us to the mystery of
faith and growth in belief.**

Open us to yourself.

Amen



BIENVENUE

BEM VINDO

SALAAM

BIENVENIDOS

WILLKOMMEN

CROESO

SHALOM

MABUHAY

Our services today are led
by our minister Ruth
Gouldbourne.

DUTY OFFICERS

AM Michael Schofield PM Frank Brown

SUNDAY CLUB LEADERS

Jackie, Joe, Travis

READER

Ben Haden

Order for the Morning Worship

We Gather

Introit

Call to worship *(words on screen)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish: but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
but of all thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart:
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render; O help us to see,
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee;
and so let thy glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.

W C Smith (1824-1908)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer *(words on screen)*

Welcome and notices

We Listen

Reading Mark 9:2-9 (p 1012 in pew Bibles)

Anthem

(The young people leave for Sunday Club, Tots and crèche.)

Reading 2 Cor 4;3-6 (p1160 in pew Bibles)

We limit not the truth of God
To our poor reach of mind,
By notions of our day and sect,
Crude, partial, and confined;
No, let a new and better hope
Within our hearts be stirred:
*The Lord hath yet more light and truth
To break forth from His word.*

Who dares to bind to his dull sense
The oracles of heaven,
For all the nations, tongues, and
climes,
And all the ages given?
That universe, how much unknown!
That ocean unexplored!
Chorus

Darkling our great forefathers went
The first steps of the way;
'Twas but the dawning, yet to grow
Into the perfect day.
And grow it shall; our glorious Sun
More fervid rays afford:
Chorus

O Father, Son and Spirit, send
Us increase from above;
Enlarge, expand all Christian souls
To comprehend Thy love:
And make us to go on to know,
With nobler powers conferred,
Chorus

George Rawson (1807-1889)

Sermon

We respond

God of redemptive power,
you set your people free,
and move us from oppression's death
to life and liberty;
this day you set aside,
a sign of love's release,
to call a world enslaved by greed
to value rest and peace.

Word of eternal life,
through streets and fields you trod,
and, to the narrow, legal mind,
revealed the way of God:
no soul-enslaving law,
but liberating grace,
to make, within our crowded lives,
a light and open space.

Light of the waiting world,
in darkest places shine,
and open to our awe-struck hearts
the mystery divine.
These earthen vessels fill
with over-flowing grace,
'til all creation comes to rest
in liberty's embrace.

Michael Forster (born 1946)

Prayers of intercession

Offering

We stand for prayer as the offering is brought forward

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th Century

Blessing

(words on screen)

Evening Service Meeting at the Table

Hymns

BPW 12 Jesus calls us here to meet him

BPW 437 I come with joy

BPW 448 Sent forth by God's blessing

Reading Acts 2;42-47

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 February

10.10 .Discerning Prayer

11.00 Morning worship

12.30. Filipino Bible study

1.00pm Lunch

5.30 Service **Meeting at the Table**

Tuesday 21 February

12.30pm Lunch

1.15pm Tuesday Talk: Harvinder Bahra British Museum

2.15pm Waiting Prayer

until 3.30pm Tea & Chat

Wednesday 22 February

1.00-1.20 Ash Wednesday Service

6.00 pm International Recital *Kesari Pundarika, viola Timothy End, piano*

5.30-7.00pm Westminster Faith Debates

What's the Place of Faith in Schools? with Richard Dawkins, John Pritchard, James Conroy, Robert Jackson 61, Whitehall

7 for 7.30pm Xchange "The Upside-Down Kingdom" Donald B. Kraybill

Saturday 25 February

Organ Concert 4pm

Hannah Parry-Ridout, The Immaculate Conception, Farm Street

Sunday 26 February

10.10am Prayer in the Chapel

11.00am Morning Worship

12.30. Filipino Bible study

1.00pm Lunch

3.00 Disciples on the Way

5.30pm Evening Service

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wednesdays in Lent. Room 1. 1.00pm-1.20pm.

Meditations to help disciples.

“Take a...” See Lent leaflet.

Disciples on the Way Lent Series; The gathering of the nations

26 February 3.00pm Friendship Centre

Gathering; London hosts people from every nation.

Please take a copy of Christian **Aid's Count Your Blessings Lent Leaflet.**

Available in the foyer

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Let Justice Prevail Prepared by Christian Women from Malaysia

7.30pm **Friday 2 March 2012 Lumen United Reformed Church**

(88 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9RS)

For further details please contact Revd Uta Blohm

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All welcome, men as well as women.

Saturday 3 March: 'Come to Lunch' across the city- an opportunity to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please return blue slip to reception desk or contact church office. **LAST DAY TO RETURN SLIPS!**

Sunday 18 March

Church Contacts meeting, 2:15pm Room 1.

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