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This week's prayer pointers

Church Leadership :Leadership Team; Small Group Leaders; PCC including treasurer, secretary; churchwardens;

Mission Focus: *Environmental issues*

Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and our church family from 9-9.30am. You may wish to join us in praying from home or wherever you are.

Our Church Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be a family of Your people who: Are centred on Jesus, reflecting His love, grace and truth in our characters, relationships and witness; Love Your Word (the Bible), recognise its authority and follow its guidance in our lives; Seek Your Holy Spirit's presence, wisdom, fruit and gifts, and welcome Him to move in power; Work out our faith in mission and outreach. For the praise of Your glory. **Amen.**

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*'Loving Jesus
Serving others'*

Sunday 31st January 2021

'Worship Together'

9.30am Children & Youth - live from church and online
10.30am Morning Worship live from church and online
4.00pm Said Holy Communion (not live streamed)

All services are available on YouTube and Facebook. Our church building is open again for public worship but the national lockdown restrictions mean no gathering before or after the services. Please consider carefully whether you need to come or can watch online at home.



There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
1 Samuel 2:2

**REBOOTED
Hannah**

Opening Prayer: God of heaven, you send your good news to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus our Lord. Amen

Song 1

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Song 2

This is my desire, to honour You.

Lord, with all my heart, I worship You.

All I have within me I give You praise.

All that I adore is in You.

*Lord, I give You my heart,
I give You my soul;
I live for You alone.*

*Every breath that I take,
every moment I'm awake;
Lord, have Your way in me.*

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Reading: 1Samuel 2 v 1-2 & 9-20

My heart rejoices in the LORD in the LORD my horn¹ is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, or I delight in your deliverance.²“There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God....

⁹He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.“It is not by strength that one prevails;¹⁰ those who oppose the LORD will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”¹¹Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.¹²Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD. ¹³Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled ¹⁴and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh.

¹⁵But even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, “Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw.”¹⁶If the person said to him, “Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want,” the servant would answer, “No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force.”¹⁷This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they¹⁸ were treating the LORD's offering with contempt.¹⁸But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to²¹ the LORD.” Then they would go home.

Thought for the day: Dave Parkinson: ‘It's the end of the line’ are words taken from a contemporary song and it would be difficult to find a better description of Hannah's plight than these. Two options faced her: ‘give up’ or ‘look up’. She chose the latter and turned to God in her deep distress. She prayed knowing that her relationship with God involved not only getting but also giving. And even as she left the Temple she had the assurance that God had heard, and answered her. Nor did she forget that prayer for 3 years later, after Samuel was weaned, Hannah returned to the Temple and with a grateful heart, Samuel ‘is given to the Lord, as long as he lives’ (28). Hannah gave her son back to the Giver in a true act of worship. May our own lives reflect Hannah's example of believing prayer, faithful lifestyle and gratitude.

Song 3

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You, we live for You

*Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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