**WESTFIELD EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY 6:30pm - 1 NOVEMBER 2020**

If you are unable to join us in the school room this Sunday at 6:30pm, at Westfield, and you have access to YouTube on-line, you can follow the service as follows:

**1/. Opening Welcome and Prayer**. We welcome everyone to our in-formal service and hope that the content is enjoyed by all, to the glory of God.

We thank our Heavenly Father for all the pleasant things in our lives. For the love of family and friends. For the fact that we never go hungry and we always have access to fresh and clean water. For our homes and for the availability and affordability of electricity and gas which makes life very comfortable. We thank Him for for our church and our church family, for Holy Scripture and the way the Bible inspires and guides us, and gives us strength to face each day ahead. We thank the Lord for those things in life we look forward to, for laughter and the joy of living. Help us Holy Father God to show our thanks to you for all our blessings and privileges by the way we treat other people by showing kindness and love. All these prayers we bring through that precious and beautiful name of your beloved son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

First we will open up with a famous old hymn:

**2/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Bill and Gloria Gaither - Onward Christian Soldiers / We're Marching to Zion".* The video to select is the one that is 4:01 mins \ secs long. Sorry there are no lyrics showing on this video - so if you need help with the words - its Mission Praise number 543.

Now a breathtaking video showing beautiful nature around the world. Including some spectacular animals - as you watch this video praise God for the amazing living creatures he has made on planet earth.

**3/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Beautiful Nature Around The World" (by Annemieke van Leeuwen)* The video to select is 5:32 mins \ secs long, and shows a picture of the sun shining its rays over mountains and forests. There are quite a few of these videos to select from so you may have to score down a few to find this particular video (but don't give up please as I feel you won't be disappointed with this video!)

Now let’s read a famous Psalm:

**4/. Old Testament Bible Reading** - please read Psalm 91. Look at the words of this Psalm - they are amazing. This is actually one of Glynis' and mine's favourite Psalms. King David opens his heart so much to God with this Psalm. How does the Psalm speak to us at this time of pandemic - how do the words of Psalm 91 strengthen us?

Time for another song:

**5/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Angus Dei by Michael W Smith with lyrics"* The video to select is the one that is 6:44 mins \ secs long.

**6/. Time of Reflection** - have a quiet moment for a minute, thinking about how the Lord has walked through this year with you so far. What things do you particularly remember about His grace and goodness to you and your family. Thank Him with a quiet prayer.

Now a wonderful testimony of God's miracle hand in saving a little boy:

**7/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Its a Miracle - God hears Your Prayers - Amazing Testimony".* The video to select is the one that is 5:57mins \ secs long. It shows a person with their palms together reflecting light rays.

How does this true testimony encourage us to keep faithful in prayer and not give up when all seems lost. What would the family of this child say to those who doubt the power of prayer. Think back in your life to a time when God answered a very important prayer you made to Him, and give thanks.

Now a lovely version by children of Hillsong singing "What a Beautiful Name It is."

**8/. YouTube Video** > type in *"What a Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship"* Choose the video which is 4:03 mins \ secs long and the cover is by Reese Oliveira and friends. The video shows a picture of a children's choir.

Now our New Testament Bible Reading (Mary Magdalene visits the empty tomb):

**9/. New Testament Bible Reading** - please read John 20 verses 1 to 18

…what a special lady Mary Magdalene was - lets watch a video about this remarkable lady:

**10/. You Tube Video** > type in *"Mary Magdalene, the First Witness".* Choose the video which is 9:41 mins \ secs long, and shows a picture of Jesus in the garden with Mary.

What can we say about the courage and faithfulness of Mary Magdalene. What other Women in the Bible are special to us, and have inspired us. Name them. (One of our heroes is the woman with the issue of blood [see Luke 8 43-48] who demonstrated great bravery and faith as she touched the hem of Jesus' garment and then was led to confess her action in front of the crowd!)

Now a super video of Christopher, a 10 year old autistic and blind boy singing "Open the Eyes of my Heart"

**11/. YouTube Video** > type in *" a 10 year-old autistic and blind boy singing, His voice shocked everyone"* Chose the video which is 6 mins \ 22 secs long.

What can we say about Christopher and children like Christopher around the world who bless us immensly by using gifts God has given them, despite having their own major disabilities and problems in life. We thank the Lord for them all!

And now a special version of "Amazing Grace":

**12/. YouTube Video >** type in ***"****Amazing Grace - Best Version By Far!"* Chose the video which is 5:14 Mins \ Secs long and shows three crosses in a stormy sky scene.

***13/. Closing Prayer*** *-*

We thank you Heavenly Father for this time of fellowship with you. For the technology that has allowed us to enjoy heart-warming songs, see your wonderful handiwork of creation, for the inspiration of your Holy Scripture and what can we say about little blind Christopher who sang so beautifully for us - thank you Lord, and do bless Christopher's life.

Be with those who are in our hearts at this time, and especially all the people who make up our fellowship at Westfield.

We pray a global vaccine would be found Lord for Covid-19, and be with our doctors, nurses, health care assistants, the paramedics and all our emergency service people at this difficult time. Please protect them and all our key workers and especially those working on front-lines where there could be disease, danger, violence and trouble. As we approach Remembrance Sunday we pray for all our service men and women particularly those serving in dangerous places in the world and who are away from loved ones. And we thank you again for those who scarificed much in the world's wars that have passed by protecting our freedom, and because of what they did (many giving up their own lives) have now left us in a much better place.

So Lord, be with us in the coming week and help us to spread your love to your people as King Jesus taught us in the Gospels. And may everything we do be to your glory and honour, and know that bringing you honour is our greatest reward in this life. Amen.

*And now our Final Song:*

***14/. YouTube Video*** *>* type in *"Paul Baloche - Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"* Choose the video which is 6:54 mins \ secs long.

***15/. The Grace*** *-* May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

Thank you, we hope you enjoyed this informal service. God bless you, and we send you our sincere love, in Christ, Glynis and Neil.

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**Basil’s Memories (15)**

This was my first solo adventure. I set off for New Zealand from Heathrow by 747 Jumbo on 31st May 2001.

The route was via Los Angeles, the first stop. My link with Guernsey continued because I sat in my window seat. I took out my book to read a few pages- my bookmark was in place. It happened to be one I obtained in Guernsey. Well, beside me was a woman who noticed the bookmark and identified herself and her friend as from Guernsey.

Eleven hours to Los Angeles and after a short break it was another Jumbo for 10 hours to Auckland. I always count the journey as part of the holiday experience and I enjoyed them all.

From Auckland it was a third aircraft to Christchurch. After 28 hours flying it was a relief to be on solid ground again and a five star hotel room to boot. I remember my first walk to Christchurch with it’s lovely town centre overlooked by the cathedral. (later severely damaged in two earthquakes)

There was an interesting tram system which journeys round the city throughout the day, then metamorphosed into a mobile dining car at about 6pm, bookable in advance.

Three units joined together seating 50/60 diners. The journey was slow and only stopped at the depot where service began and from which point each course was served- four in all. Unique to my knowledge. I had already made friends with another fellow on his own from Blackpool and so we dined together in style. We travelled together for most . the journey, it started in luxury and continued so, with the driver and guide being excellent throughout, that was Saturday.

The following day, Sunday I went back to Christchurch for the morning service at the cathedral, followed by coffee in the lounge with a friendly and warm congregation.

Setting out from Christchurch on the Monday we made our first call at the former French Settlement at Akaroa on the east coast, where we took a marine cruise for about 2 hours in the South Pacific ocean. Lots of sealife with penguins, dolphins and a superb display of aerobatics by huge albatrosses – most exciting!

Tomorrow we’re off for 4 weeks of antipodean grandeur.

Wait for it !

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