**WESTFIELD EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY 6:30pm - 3 JANUARY 2021**

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 you our Heavenly Father for bringing us safely to this New Year. When we look around we are blessed so much. We thank you for our families and homes, for good neighbours and good friends. We thank you for our church family and the privilege of coming to church to worship you, to read and listen to your Holy Word, to sing beautiful hymns and songs that your Holy Spirit inspired, and for the wise teachings we receive from our speakers, again inspired by the Holy Spirit. We give you all the glory and honour for these fine things. We are sorry Lord when we let you down, and help us never to be hypocritical or quick to judge, but see people through the eyes of Jesus, and always look for the best in everyone. We pray Lord Jesus you will guide us this year in our faith, in our walk with you and in the journey of Westfield, our beloved church. Keep us loyal and enthusiastic in what you want from us as individuals, as a church and as a community. May what we do this year put a smile on your face and produce a joyful ‘warmth’ in your heart. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Your son and our Saviour we bring all these prayers to you. Amen.

First let’s open up with a beautiful version of that great old hymn (Stand Up for Jesus):

**2/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Stand Up for Jesus - Carlene Davis (Lyrical Video)".* The video to select is the one that is 4:07 mins \ secs long and by Harrison Cattell.

Now for a quiet time of reflection as we look at some sunrises, sunsets and gorgeous skies, accompanied with some light piano music. It’s quite therapeutic this video. As we enjoy these scenes (we hope you will anyway!) let’s remember that we have a ‘kind and sharing’ God who gave us a beautiful world for us to enjoy. Pray that as we enjoy His wonderful creation, we His people respect and take care of the world more, and are brought closer to The Lord through experiencing His much beauty in our lives.

**3/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Amazing Nature Scenery: Sunrise and Sunsets"* Please select the video which is 10:51 mins \ secs long and by Cat Trumpet.

Now let’s read an inspiring Psalm:

**4/. Our 1st Bible Reading** - please read Psalm 146.

After reading the Psalm is there anything in it that stands out to you in particular. Verse 6 seems to touch me: *“He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – he remains faithful forever.”* (NIV)

God has so many attributes. You may ask…. what is an attribute of God? – well it is something true about Him. This Psalm reminds us of his attribute of Faithfulness! We have a living God who is forever faithful to His people – as a Christian doesn’t that leave you with a great peace in your heart and mind!

Time for another song:

**5/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Keith Matten- I believe in Jesus (with lyrics) "* The video to select is the one that is 3:22 mins \ secs long. It shows people’s hands in the air against a purple background.

**6/. Time of Reflection** – let us have a quiet moment recalling the Lords grace and goodness to us in bringing us safely to the beginning of this New Year. In your heart thank Him for something you are particularly grateful to Him for that happened in your life in 2020.

Now a wonderful testimony from Shawn Michael a former American international Wrestling (WWE) superstar who found Jesus which changed his life forever.

**7/. YouTube Video** > type in “*Shawn Michaels Testimony".* The video to select is the one that is 7:54 mins \ secs long, and by Vertical Church Films.

So what a great testimony that was, and a testament to the power of prayer from Shaun’s wife who never stopped praying for her husband, even when he was in the valley of despair, due to drug misuse. So let us never underestimate the power of prayer, and that we must never give up praying.

**8/.You Tube Video** > type in "*It is Well With My Soul*" The video to select is 5:09 mins \ secs long and by Katiekatew.

**9/. Our 2nd Bible Reading** - please read Ruth Chapter 1 verses 6 to 18 which shows the faithfulness of Ruth and how she was happy to commit her future life to Naomi and the God of Israel.

Let us now watch a short animated film about Ruth.

**10/. You Tube Video >** Type in *"Ruth story”.* Select the video which is 7:18 mins \ secs long and by Berean Class.

What do we think about the role of Ruth in the Old Testament. How important was this foreign Moabite girl to the plans of God through to the reign of King David and then to the gift of the baby Christ child to mankind.

Now another famous hymn sung by thousands of people at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

**11/. YouTube Video** > Type in *"To God Be The Glory (Royal Albert Hall, London)”*Choose the video which is 3:26 mins \ secs long and by Jack N Poy.

Now our closing prayer is a prayer video (by JBushmiller) as we think of the challenges of 2021, but the hope we have in 2021 because of God’s grace, mercy and love to us in our lives.

***12/. YouTube Video*** > Type in “*A Prayer for the New Year 2021*” Choose the video which is 6:04 mins \ secs long and by Gods411. The video shows a smiling couple.

So after the video ponder in your heart, for a moment, what you desire for our world in 2021 and commend it to God silently.

And now our closing song, a beautiful Hillsong version of “Oceans”, sung by Taya Smith.

**13/. YouTube Video***> “Where Feet May Fail (Oceans)- Hillsong United LYRICS”* Look for the video which is 9:01mins \ secs long and by Christian Oracle.

***14/. 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 our informal service. God bless you, and we send you our sincere love, in Christ, Glynis and Neil. Wishing you all a very peaceful and safe 2021.



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