**13th June 2021 10.30am Neil & Glynis**

**Opening Address** - Neil

**Hymn - MP 33** And can it be - Robin

And can it be that I should gain

an interest in the Saviour's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be

that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

‘Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:

who can explore His strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries

to sound the depths of love divine.

‘Tis mercy all! let earth adore,

let angel-minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above -

so free, so infinite His grace -

emptied Himself of all but love,

and bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free;

for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay

fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

my chains fell off, my heart was free,

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;

Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head,

and clothed in righteousness divine,

bold I approach the eternal throne,

and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

CHARLES WESLEY (1707-88) CCLI 150801

**Prayers of Adoration** – Neil

Dear Father God

We thank you for being our Heavenly King and Holy Father. We thank you for your beloved son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, Saviour and Shepherd. And we thank you for the Holy Spirit, our enabler, dearest friend and paraclete. We praise you Father for your grace, mercy, love and eternal faithfulness to us. Who is there like you Lord?

May not one day go by in our lives without us giving due thanks and praise to you for all your daily blessings and for providing all our daily needs. Let us bring regularly to you a bouquet of thanks and praise, laying it in front of you as a beautiful sweet offering.

We are very sorry Father when we let you down and cause you disappointment. Renew us with a will and desire to have that 'child-like' love and relationship with you which is always pleasing and puts joy in your heart.

We thank you again for the special love and care you have for us all, and in the precious and wonderful name of King Jesus we bring you these prayers. Amen.

**Lord’s Prayer** - Sung (Robin to play)

**Notices, Mission Prayer & Dedication of Offertory - Neil**

**Setting The Scene** - Glynis

**Hymn - MP 496** O for a thousand tongues to sing - Robin

O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,

that bids our sorrows cease;

'tis music in the sinner's ears,

'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,

He sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean;

His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf;

His praise, ye dumb,

your loosened tongues employ:

ye blind, behold your Saviour come;

and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master, and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad,

the honours of Thy name.

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**Readings** (both by Carol):

Genesis 15 v1 to v11

John 11 v1 to v44

**Youtube Video** - Four Days Late (Lyric Video/Live at Saenger Performing Arts Centre, New Orleans - 4.25 mins\secs long, by Gaither Music TV - Andrew

**Talk** – Glynis

**TRUSTING GOD EVEN IF IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE –** (OUTLINE)

It is easy to trust God when things are going smooth and you are up the mountain with a bed of roses all around you. But things change when you are down in the valley. Here is when you have to hold on to your faith because you are passing through the valley and there is a table prepared for you, in the presence of your enemies.

I have faced challenges in my life that made me doubt my God at times but there is a word in John 6 v 68, when Jesus disciples deserted Him, He asked the twelve disciples if they wanted to leave too, Simon Peter answered, "LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORD OF ETERNAL LIFE”. God is a covenant fulfilling and promise keeper. His promises are yea and Amen.

In Genesis 15 verses 1-11 we find a story of Abram when God came to him in a vision. He took him outside to show him the stars and if he could count them so would the number of his offspring be. I can only imagine thoughts going through his mind as how on earth is he going to achieve that at the age of 75 with no children whatsoever. God promised him, He was his shield - shielding I understand that, but a great reward, that is very confusing!! But God is God by Himself and He will not give His Glory to another. God promised him a son from his own blood and flesh and the Bible tells me that Abram believed in God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

In John 11 v1- 35 there is a story of 2 sisters, Martha and Mary who just lost their brother. Jesus knew that Lazarus was sick but He deliberately delayed to come and heal him and it didn’t make sense to the sisters as to why He delayed. If you remember in Luke 10 v38 - 42 when Jesus visited the sisters, Martha was busy with preparations whilst Mary sat down at His feet and listened to Jesus' teachings. It makes me wonder whether Martha knew Jesus intimately as Mary did. Jesus told the disciples Lazarus' sickness will not end in death, no it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.

It is not easy to maintain a steadfast faith when circumstances become overpowering and inescapable. Proverbs 3 v5 - 6 declares that “Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path”. Amen.

**Hymn - MP 666** The Steadfast Love of The Lord

*The steadfast love of the Lord*

*never ceases,*

*His mercies never come to an end;*

*they are new every morning,*

*new every morning:*

*great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,*

*great is Thy faithfulness.*

The Lord is my portion, says my soul,

therefore I will hope in Him.

*The steadfast love* . . .

The Lord is good to those

who wait for Him,

to the soul that seeks Him:

it is good that we should wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord.

*The steadfast love* ...

The Lord will not cast off for ever,

but will have compassion:

for He does not willingly afflict

or grieve the sons of men.

*The steadfast love* ...

So let us examine all our ways,

and return to the Lord:

let us lift up our hearts and hands

to God in heaven.

*The steadfast love* ...

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**Shine come in to share**

Youtube Video - 10 FEEL GOOD Stories that will brighten Your Day - 7.26 mins\secs long and by HRT Knowable - Andrew (Neil will introduce)

**Prayers of Intercession** – Neil

Dear Father

We thank you again for bringing us safely to this day.

We pray for all the members and friends of Westfield. Please help any who are struggling at this time.

We pray for the Wyke Foodbank, Dawn, their manager, the steering committee, the volunteers and especially the clients who are in need of help and support at a difficult time in their lives.

Lord, bless the work and unity of the 5 Wyke Churches, and their witness of Christ's love to our community.

Continue to be with all our NHS workers, particularly those working in the Covid wards, and be with all care and key workers. Please help all the countries of the world to beat this pandemic with a great success through the vaccine rollouts. Yet Lord many people in the poorer countries are still awaiting the supply of their vaccines - we pray they would get their vaccines very soon with the help of the richer nations.

Do bless the Queen, and the Royal family, and especially at this hard time after the passing of the Duke.

Do guide and give wisdom to our Prime Minister Boris Johnson, his cabinet and all our M.P.s and councillors.

Father, do help all the world leaders and world governments to seek peace and justice, to end wars and conflicts and take steps to stop climate change.  And may it be a priority of all our world leaders and governments to make this a better and kinder world for all our children to live in.

We thank you gracious Father and bring all these prayers to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn - MP 543** Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward Christian soldiers,

marching as to war,

with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ the royal Master

leads against the foe;

forward into battle,

see, His banners go!

*Onward, Christian soldiers,*

*marching as to war,*

*with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the name of Jesus

Satan's legions flee;

on then, Christian soldiers,

on to victory.

Hell's foundations quiver

at the shout of praise;

brothers, lift your voices,

loud your anthems raise.

*Onward, Christian soldiers* ...

Like a mighty army

moves the Church of God;

brothers, we are treading

where the saints have trod;

we are not divided, all one body we,

one in hope and calling, one in charity.

*Onward, Christian soldiers* ...

Crowns and thrones may perish,

kingdoms rise and wane,

but the Church of Jesus

constant will remain;

gates of hell can never

'gainst that Church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise,

and that cannot fail.

*Onward, Christian soldiers* ...

Onward, then, ye people,

join our happy throng,

blend with ours your voices

in the triumph-song;

glory, praise and honour

unto Christ the King;

This through countless ages

men and angels sing.

*Onward, Christian soldiers* ...

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) CCLI 150801

**The Grace** - Neil