



Sunday 7 January 2024

Minister Rev Wayne Hawkins

Organist: Gillian Lloyd

Organ prelude: How brightly shines the morning star (Telemann)

Call to worship

We gather in a place
to unravel God
reveal the holy
as God really is.

We gather in a place
to be surprised by God
in truths yet to find
as God really is.

We gather in a place
to be caught by God
in a revelation of love
as God really is.

Let us worship.

Hymn 510 CH4 "Jesus calls us here to meet him."

Prayer of approach

Theme Introduction

(Children leave for Rainbow Club)

Hymn 420 MP "Like a candle flame."

Like a candle flame,
Flick'ing small in our darkness,
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes.

Stars and angels sing,
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire?

God is with us, alleluia.
Come to save us, alleluia,
Alleluia.

Yet his light shall shine
From our lives, Spirit blazing,
As we touch the flame
Of his holy fire.

Bible readings (Sheila Connell): Isaiah 60:1-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn 326 CH4 “As with gladness men of old.”

Address “...they were overjoyed.”

Prayers of intercession

Living Word of God:

Be spoken in our lives.

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Hymn 655 CH4 “For your generous providing.”

(Children return from Rainbow Club)

Communion

Hymn 323 CH4 “The first Nowell.”

Closing words

Organ Postlude: The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel) *in tribute to Jean and Leslie Thompson*