**Sunday 23RD FEBRUARY** **Sunday before Lent**

**Celebrate at 10:30 *+*** **Celebrate at 12:00**

**Hymn 651**

Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me;
take my hand, and ever keep me close to thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow;
thou hast been a child, and surely thou dost know.

Step by step, O lead me onward, upward into youth;
Wiser, stronger, still increasing in thy truth.

Never leave me, nor forsake me, ever be my friend;
for I need thee, from life's dawning to its end.

**Hello and Welcome**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
**and also with you**

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the Lord.
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**SAYING SORRY**

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**
**we have broken your commandments;**
**we have often been selfish,**
**and we have not loved you as we should.**
**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:**
**through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS**

**PSALM 89:5–9.**

The heavens sing of the wonderful things you do;
**the holy ones sing of your faithfulness, Lord.**

No one in heaven is like you, Lord;
**none of the heavenly beings is your equal.**

You are feared in the council of the holy ones;
**and all of them stand in awe of you.**

Lord God Almighty, none is as mighty as you;
**in all things you are faithful, O Lord.**

You rule over the powerful sea;
**you calm its angry waves.**

**Hymn 4**

God, who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Still cares for me.

God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
Still cares for me.

God, who made the sun,
The moon, the stars, is he
Who, when life's clouds come on,
Still cares for me.

**PREPARING** **to hear God's word in LUKE 8: 22-25**

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.
**So may the light of God's presence shine into our hearts.**

A reading from Luke chapter 8 beginning at verse 22

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake". So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**WITH JESUS IN THE BOAT** **Thanks & Praise 167**

With Jesus in the boat
we can smile at the storm,
smile at the storm,
smile at the storm.

With Jesus in the boat
we can smile at the storm,
as we go sailing home.

*Sailing, sailing home,
sailing, sailing home.
With Jesus in the boat
we can smile at the storm,
as we go sailing home.*

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**WHO IS THIS?** **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**Affirming our belief**

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

Lord Jesus Christ
Our world is a bit of a mess. It doesn't obey you as Lord.
Even though you have created it to produce enough food for all, we have kept much of the good stuff for ourselves, and made food cost too much for the poor throughout the world.
We pray for people - who are struggling to make ends meet - to find you and submit their lives to you.
Using your power, rule over all who manage the finances of the world, so that we may share your gifts more fairly.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ
Our world is in a bit of a mess. It doesn't turn to you as Saviour.
Even though we know that we all make mistakes all of the time, and we have seen the harm that does to others, we still are slow to ask for your help to save us.
We pray for people - who are lost in their sins - to find you and trust their lives to you.
Come as Saviour, and draw all people to yourself that everyone of us will know we have a friend who will take our mistakes and forgive them.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ
Our world is in a bit of a mess. It doesn't respect you as King.
Even though we know that the ten commandments are the best way to live as a community, we ignore many of them every day.
We pray for people - who do not know the best way to live - to find you, and live their lives to honour you.
Help us to honour you in the way we deal with other people, the way we handle our and others' money, and the way we spend our time.
Come as Christ, the King, and rule in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

**SUNDAY COLLECT**

**DAILY COLLECT**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,**
**to know you is eternal life,**
**and to serve you is perfect freedom:**
**Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,**
**that we, surely trusting in your protection,**
**may not fear the power of any adversaries;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collection Hymn 490**

**1** The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

**Walk in the light, x3**
**Walk in the light of the Lord.**

**2** Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light;
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light.

**3** He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light;
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

**4** We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light;
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

**5** The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

**NOTICES**

Wed 26 February 11:30 Midweek Communion Lunch

Friday 28 February Magazine Team

Saturday 1 March Easter Vestry Register closes
Next Sunday 21 March Larder and Foodbank Sunday **Barnabas Aid Food.gives**

10:30/ 12:00 Parish Communion

**Never Be shaken**

You oh Lord keep my lamp burning
You have turned my darkness to Light
Set my feet high on this mountain
And put my enemies to flight

So I... I will praise you as long as I live
Oh I... I will praise you again and again

When I walk through the valley I will not fear
For you are my strength and my shield
When everything around me is overtaken
I know, I'll never be shaken

Whoa, I'll never be shaken
Whoa, I'll never be shaken
Whoa, I'll never be shaken
Whoa, I'll never be shaken

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins** **as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Lead us not into temptation** **but deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**
**now and for ever. Amen.**

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God. Amen**

**THE BLESSING** **and Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**JESUS CALLS US** **584**

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give to you our hearts obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL!**