

The theme of last week's online service from our Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss was: '**HIS GLORY REVEALED, EVEN IN THE ORDINARY**' and Peter's powerful closing words are given here:

In a world where it feels as if we've lost our choices, the marker points have gone, and everything seems to be rather the same, it is even more important that we are able to turn our eyes ...turn our hearts to God and remind ourselves that God is with us in these difficult times.

Jesus said: "I came so that they may have life, and have it in abundance."

At the moment, we are not able to have life in its fulness, but that does not mean that God is not with us.

He is with us to guide us and to guard us; to give us that peace, to strengthen us in our hope and to enable us to reach out and support others.

May we know His peace, His strength, with us and around us at this time.

And so we ask for God's blessing: on our world, on our nation, on all in authority who have decisions to make. We pray for God's blessing on our homes, and our loved ones and those who are not with us at the moment.

May we know the love of God surrounding us, the peace of God underneath us, and may we have His hope in our hearts. And may we see signs of God's glory, signs of His love and signs of His hope. And let us go through the coming week loving and serving our Lord.

Amen.

We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org

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Love from your friends in Walmsley Parish xx*

Prayers for w/c 31 January:
**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE**



THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Beautiful prayers written by Rev Chris Jamieson are posted each evening on the St. Peter's Belmont FaceBook Page:

God of heaven, wise and strong, we love you because you first loved us. We know that your blessings are numberless and that your goodness continues forever. Our lives depend on you and we can grow and blossom in your care. You listen to our prayers and give ear to our supplications.

You give us forgiveness through the saving power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

You give us so many witnesses to your glory. We thank you for the apostles, the prophets and all your saints who have worked for you throughout the ages.

May we learn from their example and be good stewards of your world.

Throughout our lives you are there with signs of your glory, directions of how to live and your loving arms always around us.

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we worship and adore you. Amen.

*These prayers were given by Chris Foster
in last Sunday's online Team service:*

Loving Father, we thank you that you are our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Thank you that we can come to you in prayer any time, any place, however we are feeling; you hear our prayers and fill us with your peace and love. Lord, we praise and glorify your Holy Name. We pray for your church throughout the world and for our own team of churches with all our clergy, lay ministers and PCC members and give thanks for all who work tirelessly to keep us spiritually inspired during these difficult times.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, in these anxious times of the pandemic's second year, help us to be your church reaching out to others, helping where we can and praying: for the sick and suffering, the lonely and frightened, for those overwhelmingly distressed from the loss of loved ones with no proper goodbyes, for the increasing numbers of mentally ill, those struggling to make ends meet, for the homeless and refugees. Above all Lord Jesus, we pray for your healing hand to be upon NHS staff working beyond their limits in overcrowded hospitals and traumatised by what they have witnessed over the past months in caring with such compassion. Please give them the rest and peace they need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Lord Jesus, we ask for a miracle of healing and hope for our own nation and the world against this deadly virus. We thank you for the scientists' incredible skills in producing the vaccines so rapidly and pray for a successful immunisation programme, for everyone to take up the offer of vaccination so that the tide may start to turn. ***Merciful Father: accept these prayers,***

for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Beautiful daily words from Bill Braviner in his [#MorningPrayer](#): Help us, Lord, to join in Your prayer not only with our lips but with our lives. Amen.

Help us, Lord, to join in your prayer that we, your disciples, may be one as you and the Father are one: to join your prayer not only with our lips but with our lives, our attitudes, our actions.

Give us a yearning for the unity of your Church, your living Temple.