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# Order of Service

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023*



Love one another.

Welcome to St Paul's!

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This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**  
The Piano is played by: **Elaine Leck**

## **It is a joy to welcome you to this service!**

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

*Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.*

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## Church Notices

### *Lighting our Peace Candle*

#### Call to Worship

*O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.*

**GREAT IS YOUR NAME,  
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.**

*For you the valleys will sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

**GREAT IS YOUR NAME,  
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.**

*To you the powerful of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy;*

**GREAT IS YOUR NAME,  
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.**

*Your love and justice shall last for ever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.*

**GREAT IS YOUR NAME,  
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.**

# Our thanks, hopes, and prayers

**WE SING: 274 GOD IS LOVE, HIS THE CARE**

## **Prayer of Praise**

*...Gracious God, as we gather to worship you,  
we recommit ourselves to you,  
as we pray together:*

**GOD OF LOVE,  
WE BRING OUR THANKS;  
PRAISING YOU FROM THE DEPTH OF OUR BEING**

**WE ENTRUST OUR HOPES WITH YOU  
AND WE SEEK THE STRENGTH TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY,  
NOT OUR OWN.**

**WE PRAY IN FAITH,  
THAT YOU ARE SEEKING ALL THAT IS GOOD FOR US  
AND FOR EVERY PERSON, WHO BEARS YOUR IMAGE.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN**

## Planting...

**WE SING: 745 A NEW COMMANDMENT**

*As some leave for creative activities, we bless each other...*

### **The Grace**

**THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BE WITH US ALL, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN**

## **The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## **Romans 13: 8-10**

*(Pg.923)*

## **Love for One Another**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

**WE SING: 308 / 308 SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

**'Love one another'**

## **WE SING: THE LOVE OF GOD COMES CLOSE**

*(omit vs. 5)*

### **Prayers for Others**

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

### **Offering for the work of this church**

**WE SING: 95      GOD IS LOVE: LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM**

### **Sending forth & Blessing**

**All are welcome to join us for refreshments  
and time together, in the halls, after the service!**

# Coming up...

## All Teams Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm

## St Paul's Book Group

*discuss 'Grapes of Wrath', at St Paul's, Jubilee Room*

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7:30pm

## United Prayer Time – Zoom – **NEW DAY & TIME**

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111*

*If you would like us to pray for you or a person/situation close to you, please message/email Martin or Sue.*

**Every Saturday, 9am**

## Next Sunday Worship

*led by John Ponsford*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10:30am**

***For all future events and activities please see our website***



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