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## 2022 - ' With Jesus In Loving Community '

*Vision Sunday - 16th January 2022*

Please join us for our Online Broadcast at 9:30am on our Facebook Page

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### First Hymn

**God is love: let heaven adore Him;**

God is love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before Him,  
And exalt Him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heavens above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is love, eternal love.

God is love: and He enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp He holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
All the sorrow, all the aching,  
Wrings with pain the heart of God.

God is love: and though with  
blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939) alt.*

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### Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

**Joel 2 : 28-32**

<sup>28</sup> "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

<sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

<sup>32</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

This is the word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

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### Gradual Hymn -

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,**  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us -  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
And let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By your blood I may enter your brightness:  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness -  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine ...*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory:  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine ...*

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## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 1 : 18-25

Alleluia, alleluia

Christ was revealed in the flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations and  
believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew,

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### **Hymn during preparation of the Table**

#### **Hail to the Lord's Anointed,**

Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing:  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest;  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever,  
His changeless name of Love.

*J. MONTGOMERY (1771 - 1854)*

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### **Hymn During Communion**

#### **Breathe on me, Breath of God,**

Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

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### **Final Hymn**

#### **Crown him with many crowns,**

The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
As of that Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
Behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

*M. BRIDGES (1800 - 94)*  
*Words: AC Ainger (1841 - 1919)*

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### **Those Departed**

*Kathleen Mary Willcocks*  
*Carole Kimber*  
*Valerie Jane Doherty*  
*Frances May Sharples*  
*Sidney Buxton*  
*Mike Keeney*



### **A JIGSAW CELEBRATION.**

Over 70 Jigsaws of various shapes, sizes and scenes will be displayed in St. Paul's church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 10am – 3pm. Many will be for sale with proceeds to church funds and donations of boxed Jigsaws to sell are still most welcome. There will be an opportunity to view jigsaws, make jigsaws, purchase jigsaws, including some for children. Free admission with tea, scones and cakes available in the Centenary Room. Dot Little 783998 has more details.

### **Alpha**

The new course begins on Thursday 27th January 2022. A brilliant way to refresh or explore the Christian Faith. Contact Rev. Mike Barton for details

### **Deanery 'Living and Love and Faith Course'**

St Stephen's Church, Broadgate are hosting a 5 week Deanery 'Living and Love and Faith Course'. The dates are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd of February and 1st March 2022 from 7pm – 8pm. If you would like to know more or to sign up please contact Dave Hanson at [dave.hanson@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:dave.hanson@ststephenspreston.org.uk)