

### Order of Service

Please stand as the Bible is brought into church.

Opening Words.

Hymn: *"Be still for the presence of the Lord"* **Words opposite**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

Family Church time.

Reflection on The Transfiguration of Christ.

Matthew Chapter 17 Verses 1 to 9 [NT p25]

*"As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Verse 9*

PAUSE –

Hymn 395 *"No one has ever seen God"*

Please sing this hymn once after it has been played through on the Piano.

We are going to sing it again three times as we reflect on the story of the transfiguration and the mountain top experience.

'After sharing with the disciples that amazing encounter, and as we return down the mountain, we will pause three times to rest, reflect and worship.'

PAUSE –

*"There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light". Verse 2*

Sing 395 *"No one has ever seen God"*

PAUSE –

*"Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus". Verse 3*

Sing 395 *"No one has ever seen God"*

PAUSE –

*"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Verse 5*

Sing 395 *"No one has ever seen God"*

Let us pray:

As we leave the mountain, and return to our everyday lives, our problems, our joys and our sorrows: go with us, Lord, reassure us and lead us on.

Amen

Hymn: 203 *"How good Lord to be here"*

Notices and Offering

Musical interlude as children leave for their separate activities.

Bible Reading: Exodus Chapter 24 Verses 12 to 18 [OT p81]

Hymn: 529 *"Light of the minds that know him"*

Sermon.

Hymn: 117 *"Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder"*

Prayers.

Hymn: 67 *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*

Blessing and Three-fold sung Amen.

Please remain standing until the Bible has been taken out of the Church

A very warm welcome to all visitors to our church today. We thank our Minister, Revd. Julian Sanders, for leading our worship today. Thanks also to our Orchestra for the music, to Sarah Cleverley for our flowers and to our Reader this morning.

Tea & Coffee will be served in the Hall upstairs after Worship. All are welcome. Fairtrade goods are also on sale.

### Be still, for the presence of the Lord

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;  
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans (born 1957)

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## NOTICES

**Tomorrow Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.30 pm Funeral Service of Ossie Dennis.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00 pm Elders Meeting in the Drysdale Room.

### Lent Commences

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at 12.30 pm Midweek Service. Doors open at Noon with tea and coffee available.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.00 pm Tea-time Talk with Speaker Michael Quincey - "*Carry on up the Khumbu*" – followed by cream tea with home-made scones and jams. Ticket sales have been very poor to date for what will be a very entertaining and informative presentation, so if you would like to attend, please contact Jared Johnson on 01670 514610 or email [jared-marg@hotmail.com](mailto:jared-marg@hotmail.com) asap to let him know

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** at 11.00am Rehearsals for Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Morpeth Methodist Church.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 10.30 am Morning Worship with Celebration of Holy Communion led by our Minister Revd. Julian Sanders.

### "Casablanca" Lent course

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** 7.00 pm at MMC. Also **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** 2.00 pm at SGURC. Also **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Please see enclosed leaflet and posters around church giving full details of meetings here and at Morpeth Methodist Church. Please note that the two meetings in each week cover the same ground.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 12.30 pm Midweek Service. Doors open at Noon with tea and coffee available.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00 am WWDP Final practice and run through for all readers, singers and players.

At 2.00 pm **Women's World Day of Prayer Service** at Morpeth Methodist Church. Service written by Christian women of Zimbabwe. After service tea will be hosted by the Baptist Church.

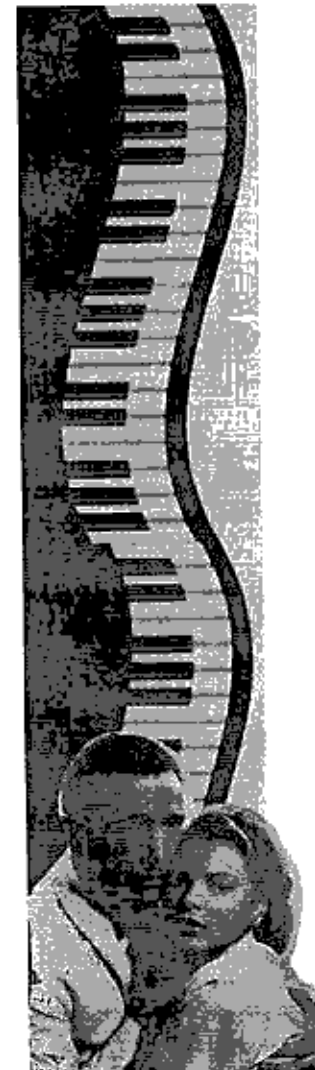
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Revd. Tom Quenet from Pegswood.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert by "*The Fiddling Three*" in a programme of Light Classical Music, Folk Music and a bit of Swing. Doors open at Noon with Tea, Coffee and Biscuits available. Admission £3.00.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm in the Church.

Greater Morpeth Development Trust is hosting a "Writer's Evening". Please see Posters around Church for further details. Three North-East writers will be talking about their work. Tickets £6 at the door incl. refreshments.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jack Macadam from Cramlington.



MORPETH CHRISTIANS  
TOGETHER

# LENT COURSE

MORPETH METHODIST CHURCH

**Mondays at 7.00 to 9.00 pm**

2 Mar, 9 Mar, 16 Mar, 23 Mar 30 Mar.

**St. GEORGE'S URC**

**Tuesdays at 2.00 to 4.00 pm**

3 Mar, 10 Mar, 17 Mar, 24 Mar 31 Mar.

NB Each Monday Session will be repeated on the Tuesday

## "A Beautiful Friendship"

This course has been written by Paul Kerensa (Writer of BBC's "*Miranda*" and "*Not going out*") and his wife Zoe Young.

The course uses the film "*Casablanca*" – a classic movie – that provides a great basis for discussion on the themes of sacrifice, repentance, suffering loss and hope at Lent. Its wartime setting provides additional poignancy as we near the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day