

# Nuneaton Christian Fellowship

‘The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
The LORD make His face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 [*King James Version*]

**All: We thank You for all we have heard tonight. We leave ready to bless You through serving our friends, family and acquaintances during the coming days. May our hearts continue to magnify You. May our lives continue to reflect the incomparable love You have shown us so unselfishly. Amen.**

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Refreshments are now being served in the Small Hall.  
You're welcome to stay and enjoy them with us.

We are so glad you joined us today  
and look forward to seeing you again.  
Our next Traditional Evening Service is on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Please let us know  
if we can pray for you or help you.

More details about what is happening here can be found in our twice monthly Newsletter ‘Onward’ and on our website:

[nuneatonchristianfellowship.org.uk](http://nuneatonchristianfellowship.org.uk)

NCF Ministers:  
John Stephenson, Rev. Paul Wood and Rev. Nik Howarth

17th March 2019 - 6.00pm

We warmly welcome you  
to our Traditional Evening Service  
which is being led by  
**John Stephenson**  
this evening.

Our Traditional Evening Services occur  
on the first and third Sunday of each month  
and last for around 50 minutes.

## Welcome and Notices

### Opening Prayers

The LORD is my strength and my defence;  
**All: He has become my salvation.**

He is my God and I will praise Him,  
**All: Yes, I will exalt my God,**

Who among the gods is like You LORD?  
**All: Who is like You - majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glory, working wonders?**

The LORD reigns,  
**All: for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Exodus 15)

### Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

[Written in 1897]

### Closing Prayers

**All: Thank You Lord Jesus for the blessings we experience in our lives. You have not left us as orphans and we are never alone. We are so grateful. Please remind us of Your words and Your ways each day of the week. Amen.**

(John 14:15-31)

## Our Second Reading

Matthew 11:25-30 (New International Version)

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

## Sermon

## Hymn

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

O let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
And then in Heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

[Written in 1868]

## Prayer

**All: Holy God, we come before You and thank You for Your redeeming love. Through Your incarnation, death and resurrection our lives have been changed. We offer our abilities, talents and time to You God so that You may be glorified in our actions, words and thoughts. We choose to follow You and will draw on Your strength to help us do that. Thank You for being our Master and our Friend. Amen.**

## Offertory Hymn

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him in the height;  
Rejoice in His word, ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens adore Him by whom ye were made,  
And worship before Him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;  
Praise Him who hath brought you His grace from above,  
Praise Him who hath taught you to sing of His love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
Loud organs, His glory forth tell in deep tone,  
And, sweet harp, the story of what He hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To Him be outpoured all ages along:  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,  
Amid all His saints His praises prolong;  
The praise of their Maker His people shall sing,  
And children of Zion rejoice in their King.

## Prayer

**O LORD, our Lord,  
How majestic *and* glorious *and* excellent  
is Your name in all the earth!**

**You have displayed Your splendour above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babes  
You have established strength  
Because of Your adversaries,  
That You might silence the enemy  
*and* make the revengeful cease.**

**When I see *and* consider Your heavens,  
the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have established,  
What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?  
Yet You have made him a little lower than God,  
And You have crowned him with glory and honour.  
You made him to have dominion  
over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,  
All sheep and oxen,  
And also the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.**

**O LORD, our Lord,  
How majestic *and* glorious *and* excellent  
is Your name in all the earth!**

(Psalm 8 - Amplified Bible)

### Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

[Written in 1834]

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,  
With gladness and mirth, sing praise to His name,  
For God in His people His pleasure doth seek,  
With robes of salvation He clotheth the meek.

[Written in 1875]

### Our First Reading

Philippians 1:27-30 (New International Version)

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

## Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us  
You are one with us, Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring Your love and goodness in,  
Jesus our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ now and every day,  
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of You  
Into our lives Your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us  
Born as one with us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to You,  
Live my life for You, Son of God.  
All Your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life Your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

[Written in 1958]

In this time of silent prayer let us remember the 629 people who work in the Town Hall on Coton Road. The three biggest departments there are: 1. Housing, Communities and Economic Development, 2. Customer Services and Business Improvement 3. Operations.

The European Referendum took place 997 days ago. Brexit might or might not be close, but many ordinary people seem to be fed up with it now. Pray that the necessary legislation will be sorted quickly and that the UK will be able to move into the future swiftly and confidently.

Those affected by the attacks on the Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, need all kinds of help. Seek God on their behalf.

## 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  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Maggie's Story