

The Church at Carrs Lane

Sunday 26 January

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Elaine Hutchinson

**We are an inclusive and affirming Church.
You are welcome just as you are.**

Today were using 'Singing the Faith'



“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! but we who are being saved know it is the very power of God”

1 Corinthians 1-18

Opening Music:

The Swan from 'Carnival of the Animals' by C Saint-Saëns, arr. A Guilmant

Call to Worship:

Let us come together as one and worship God our creator

To God be the glory

Let us sing with one voice

To God be the glory

Let us pray with one heart

To God be the glory

Let us serve with one mind

To God be the Glory. Amen

Hymn 409: Let us build a house

Introduction/Conversation 1

There are questions. Can you share your response?

Where have to come from today? Who has travelled the furthest?

Have you had any sad/exciting news this week? Has something really challenged you this week? Have you helped someone or needed help?

Prayers of Approach

God of Welcome

You invite us here, as your body different as we may be
We come with our varying needs, hopes dreams, desires
**But we come in the name of Jesus - loved, forgiven,
cleansed.**

God of welcome,

You invite us here as your people, we come different in age,
in colour, in ethnicity, in status, in health.

**But we come in the name of Jesus - loved, forgiven,
cleansed**

God of welcome,
You invite us here as your people united in faith, but not
uniformed, we come with our different theology, beliefs
and encounters of you and that at times can cause a clash.
Help us when we disagree to do it in love so when we
come,

we come in the name of Jesus - loved, forgiven cleansed.

God of welcome

You invite us here to represent your church people -
serving, loving, being.

Help us when our agendas don't always match your
purpose of the cross, rather our own. May your love on the
cross remind us of your love for us all.

**As we come, we come in the name of Jesus - loved,
forgiven, cleansed. Amen**

Offering

An opportunity to give financially to the church - there is no obligation
to give, it is as you decide or are able.

Music: Andante in A, by M Green

Bible Readings:

Matthew 4: 12-23

(Julie King)

1 Corinthians 1 10-18

(Geoff Jones)

Conversation: 2 Images of Crosses

Paul writes of the 'message of the cross'

On the projector there will be an array of crosses...

What messages do these images of the cross convey?

What messages do we draw from the images?

Hymn 276: Lift high the cross

Conversation: 3

More in common?

Time to for you budding artists!

Decorate your crosses with words or images of things that unite the church.

Compare your cross with your neighbours. Share with us the differences.

Hymn 685: In Christ there is no east or west

Praying for others

(Julie Grove)

Hymn 690: The church's one foundation

Sending out

May the cross of Christ bring you strength,
May the Church of Christ bring you fellowship,
May the love of Christ bring you joy,
May the blessing of Christ bring you confidence.
Amen

Closing music: Humoresque, by G Morrison

**You are welcome to go through to the foyer for a cuppa.
If you are visiting or it's your first time here,
please introduce yourself to a steward.**



*Thank you to The Choir for today's flowers
arranged by Jill Veitch*

Thank you to Tim Batty for the music