



The Church at Carrs Lane
Sunday 23 February 2020



Morning Worship

Led by John Cooper with Maria Biedrawa
(Fellowship of Reconciliation)

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

Today we are using 'Singing the Faith'

Throughout the service please join in
where you see **bold** type

Opening Music

*Lantana from 'Plymouth Suite', by P Whitlock
O Quam Suavis, by C Geoffray*

Welcome

(Joan Davies)

Call to Worship

Hymn 85: Praise the Lord who reigns above

Praise of Praise and Confession

One small branch.....

Hymn 619: Thanks for friends who keep on loving

Offering

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

[Music: Interlude in C, by A Fletcher]

Psalm 85:8-13

(Joan Davies)

Matthew 5:1-12 (*responsive*)

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³ ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ ‘Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ ‘Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- ⁷ ‘Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ ‘Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'**

Ephesians 2:13-17

(Ann Parkin)

Hymn 708: O God of Hope, your prophets spoke

Conversation with Maria Biedrawa in 3 parts

a) Where did your journey to peace work begin?

b) Where has it taken you?

c) How can we join in your journey of peace-making today?

PAUSE

Prayers of intercession

(Jan Scott)

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 411: May the God of hope go with us every day

Words of thanks

The blessing is sung together:

Hymn 768: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

Closing Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, by J S Bach

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 Janet Shaw for today's flowers in memory of her parents, Pam and Bob Liddell, whom many of us remember with affection.

Today's worship leaders:

John Cooper is Director of the Fellowship



of Reconciliation and a Methodist Local Preacher in training.

Maria Biedrawa is a peace deacon resident in Northern France, who represents Fellowship of Reconciliation France on the Church and Peace Board. Based on her work in the Central African Republic and South Sudan, she spoke at an event in Birmingham yesterday about what armed conflict really means for people, and what unarmed, non-violent civilians do to face it. More about her can be found at:

<https://dieschwelle.de/nc/en/topics/article/news/empathic-peace-consultant-maria-biedrawa-from-france.html>