

St Wulstans 19th March 2023



(284) JUBILATE, EVERYBODY

SIXTY MOTHERING SUNDAYS

A reflection on our diamond jubilee

(Song) KNEES, KNEES CLAP

Knees, knees, clap
Knees, knees, clap
You are a star
Please let me tell you
What a blessing you are
Knees, knees, clap
Knees, knees, clap
Clap hands with me
I am so thankful
That you're on my team

v2 Head, head, clap ...

v3 Toes, toes, clap ...

v4 Knees, knees, clap ...

The Story of the Little Children

(from Mark 10)

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

TODAY'S SPECIAL PRAYERS

Let's pray for anyone we know who needs a hug from Jesus today

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness
remake us.**

*Let's pray for those
for whom today is difficult*

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness
remake us.**

Let's pray for all those who have nurtured us and made homes for us

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

Let's give thanks for all those we call family

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(121) FATHER I PLACE INTO YOUR HANDS

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Let us call to mind our sin, our struggles to value the love of others and our struggles to love as Christ has loved us. Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good.
We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and

earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING COMMUNION

We break the bread of life,
and that life
is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

SAYING OUR GOODBYES

Praise God who loves us

Praise God who cares

For those who love us enough
to share their meals with us

Thanks be to God

For their patience when tested

Thanks be to God

For their love when tired

Thanks be to God

For their kindness

when we have needed it the most

Thanks be to God

Praise God who loves us

Praise God who cares

May Jesus, who is gentle with us as a mother with her children, gather us to himself, comforting us in sorrow and binding up our wounds; in sickness nursing us, and with pure milk feeding us. May his love and tenderness remake us and prepare us for the for the beauty of heaven.

Amen

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. The peace of the Lord be always with you:

And also with you.

THIS WEEK AT ST WULSTANS

Mon to Fri **SUNFLOWERS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

Mon 20th March

10.30 Prayer Club --- see Eve for details
11am Sarah is at an Oasis Easter service
12pm Friendship Group Quiz Afternoon
1.30 Sarah at St Barnabas School
2.30 Diane is at an Oasis Easter service
7pm Sarah is at a St Barnabas PCC
7.30 Deanery Synod at Hallow

Tue 21st March

10.00 Regency School visit in St Wulstans
1.30 St Barnabas School Eucharist service

Wed 22nd March

9.30 Mainly Music
6.30 Wedding Rehearsal at St Barnabas

Thu 23rd March

10.30 Sarah has meetings in Droitwich
7pm Private hire of small hall

Fri 24th March

10am Miriam Room in use
RE Day at Warndon Oasis (tbc)
7pm Private hire of small hall

Sat 25th March

12pm Open Door Café

Sun 26th March

REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR

10.30 ANNUAL CELEBRATION SERVICE

St Wulstans APCM, with reports, elections, doughnuts, reflections and communion together. The morning will be completed by 12pm at the latest. Come and give thanks for the last sixty years and dream for the next sixty to come!