



Leicester **Cathedral**  
*A beating heart for City and County*

# **Safeguarding Coordinators' Service**

**7.00pm  
Tuesday 12 October 2021**



*Visitors to the Cathedral are requested to note that the use of all audio and visual equipment is not permitted during worship. Your cooperation is appreciated.*



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*When prompted to stand, please only do so if you are able or comfortable.  
The Organist is Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music.*

***All stand for***

## **The Greeting**

*The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen.**

There are varieties of gifts,  
**but the same Spirit.**

There are varieties of service,  
**but the same Lord.**

There are different kinds of working,  
**but the same God is at work in all.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **The Gathering**

We gather in the name of Christ to...

give thanks for the work of all safeguarding co-ordinators within our worshipping communities, schools and chaplaincies;

to repent for the times when we have ignored the victims of abuse;

to pray for the on-going work of our diocesan and local safeguarding teams;

to recommission you for this vital part of the mission of the Church.

*The Bishop offers informal words of welcome.*

*All remain standing to sing*

## The Hymn

*The final line of each verse is repeated.*

1. **Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.**
2. **In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**
3. **O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**
4. **Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**
5. **Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.**

REPTON (AM621i)  
Charles Huber Hastings Parry (1848–1918)  
from the oratorio *Judith*

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)*

*All remain standing for*

## The Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 8.22, 23*

For the times when the Church has sought to protect itself  
instead of the most vulnerable.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times when we have consciously or unconsciously  
not listened to the voices of survivors.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the times when we have treated safeguarding

as a burden and not a privilege.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*All remain standing for*

## **The Absolution**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from our sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Thanksgiving**

For those who have been the champions of children,  
young people and vulnerable adults, let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

For those who have been a voice for the voiceless and  
the silenced, let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

For those who have shown safeguarding  
to be at the heart of the gospel, let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All sit for*

## **The First Reading**

### **Psalm 139**

*Read by Rachael Spiers, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser,  
and Pete Holloway, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser*

○ Lord, you have searched me out and known me :  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my  
thoughts from afar.  
You mark out my journeys and my resting place :  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
For there is not a word on my tongue :  
but you, ○ Lord, know it altogether.  
You encompass me behind and before :  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me :  
so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there :  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning :  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me :  
your right hand hold me fast.  
If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me :  
and the light around me turn to night,'  
Even darkness is no darkness with you, the night is as clear as the day :  
darkness and light to you are both alike.  
For you yourself created my inmost parts :  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.  
My frame was not hidden from you :  
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished :  
already in your book were all my members written.  
As day by day they were fashioned :  
when as yet there was none of them.  
How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!  
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand :  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.  
O that you would slay the wicked, O God :  
that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!  
They speak against you with wicked intent :  
your enemies take up your name for evil.  
Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose you?  
Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?  
I hate them with a perfect hatred :  
they have become my own enemies also.  
Search me out, O God, and know my heart :  
try me and examine my thoughts.  
See if there is any way of wickedness in me :  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Hymn**

**Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our lives with gentle courage;  
let your love cast out our fear.**

**Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.**

**Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.**

**All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.**

*LAUS DEO (REDHEAD NO. 46) (AM503)  
Richard Redhead (1820–1901)  
Church Hymn Tunes, 1853*

*Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993)*

*All sit for*

## **The Second Reading**

**Matthew 18.1–4**

*Read by The Venerable Claire Wood, Archdeacon of Loughborough*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All remain seated for*

## **The Address**

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester



*All remain seated. The Revd James Pickersgill, Bishop's Chaplain, leads*

## **The Intercessions**

### **Safeguarding Sunday Prayer**

Loving Father God,  
we come to you in the knowledge  
that you hold all your children in unconditional love.  
We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.  
Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.  
Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.  
Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who by their actions or attitudes  
have caused hurt and harm to others,  
lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills  
to make our communities safer.  
Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves,  
we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed,  
the voiceless and the forgotten.  
Help us to see them as you see them;  
to value them as you value them,  
and to nurture and protect them as you desire.  
Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.  
In your name we pray,  
**Amen.**

*As the Organ is played, and we pray silently together, you are invited to light a candle  
for one person for whom you want to pray within your safeguarding role.  
These will represent the prayers of us all, shining with hope.*

*At the end*

Loving Father God, we come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love. We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.  
**Give them your peace, comfort and safety we pray.**

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.  
**Give them your healing, restoration and justice we pray.**

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.  
**Give them your strength, courage and hope we pray.**

For those who have caused your children to stumble, lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance. Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills to make our communities safe and secure.  
**Give them your wisdom and guidance we pray.**

*Justin Humphreys*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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 them that 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.**

## The Hymn

1. **O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou ever 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.**
2. **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.**
3. **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.**
4. **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.**
5. **O let me see thy foot-marks,  
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.**

WOLVERCOTE (AM748)  
*William Harold Ferguson (1872–1950)*

*John Ernest Bode (1816–1874)*

*All those engaged in safeguarding work stand. The Bishop says*

## **The Commissioning**

I ask you to recommit yourselves to the work  
of caring for the most vulnerable in our churches and communities.

**Lord God, we ask you give us your heart  
for the vulnerable, the oppressed,  
the disadvantaged and the forgotten.  
Help us to see them as you see them;  
to value them as you value them;  
and to nurture and protect them as they deserve.  
Help each one of us to play our part  
in creating safer places for all your people.  
In your name we pray,  
Amen.**

*Justin Humphreys*

*All remain standing for*

## **The Blessing**

May the Father  
from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*cf Ephesians 3.15–19*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Organist plays the Voluntary*

Prelude in F minor BWV534  
*1750)*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–*

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