**Salendine Nook Baptist Church ~ Michael Storey**

**Sunday 26th September 2021**

**Welcome & Notices**

**Call to Worship ~ Psalm 66**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! **2** Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
**3** Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds. So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
**4** All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.”

**Hymn 1 ~ 93 MP ~Come let us join our cheerful song**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Confession & Lords Prayer**

Loving God, through our Lord Jesus Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve your Church throughout the world in these difficult times, that we may continue with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name and in our witness to our community.

In our service here this morning we come with many thoughts, situations and simply things on our mind. We have had a busy week Lord and sometimes our thoughts are elsewhere. But Lord this is Your Day, and we meet above all things today to praise you and to make an offering of worship to you. So still our hearts and minds, take away all those things that blur our vision from you and stop us from worshiping you truly in the beauty of holiness. So, we pray in the company of all saints both here on earth and indeed with all of those who have been dearly loved amongst us in this place and who are with you now in heavenly Glory.

Be with us and be amongst us now this morning in the presence of your Holy Spirit as we meet in the name of Jesus. Help us in hard times to continue to offer our praise and our worship to you and to the everlasting glory of your name.

Amen

**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.**

**Hymn 2 ~ 13 MP ~ All hail the power of Jesu’s name**

**Reading Psalm 103 ~ v 20-22**

**20** Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
**21** Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
**22**Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

 **Revelation 12 ~v 7-12**

**7** Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. **8** But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. **9** The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

**10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. **11** They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. **12** Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

**Sermon**

**Hymn 3 ~ 783 MP ~ Ye Holy Angels Bright**

**Prayers of intercession**

Loving God we bring you our prayers of intercession for the church and the world in which we live. We pray for those people who are suffering at this time and ask that your healing hand will be upon them.

We think of those who are hungry and don’t know where their next meal will come from. We pray for the Welcome Centre and all those food banks across the country who bring help to those who are in need. We particularly think about those who will be affected by the cut in universal credit and increased energy bills. These are difficult times, be with these people and comfort and reassure them. We thank you for the work of aid agencies and charities that bring vital help to those in need. Help us Lord to share your generosity to us with others, so they too may know your love for them, help us as your people to share and show your Love.

We thank you for those who work as volunteers in our community to raise money and awareness for their respective charities. But above all Lord we pray for those who receive the fruits of this work, the people that actually need our help and support. Lord, we place them into your nail pierced hands. The hands that were pieced for us all so we can live in your Glory.

We Continue to pray for those who are ill at home, in hospital or in care homes, and for those who are awaiting or undergoing treatment. For those who care for their medical needs and for their loved ones too. Help them to feel close to you and give them the strength to carry out their daily tasks. May they feel your love and presence and find comfort in you. We know Lord that at times we can feel helpless and alone, and don’t know what to do for the best, so help us to offer support through our prayers, and help us to listen for the practical support that might be needed.

We pray for our leaders of nations and for our government at this time as they continue to take the country through the global pandemic and the many other issues we face as a nation and world. Help them in their decision-making to use the information that they have been given, and to make the right choices for the country to move forward. We thank you for all our armed forces, emergency services and the volunteer sections who help to protect us and keep us safe in our daily lives.

Loving God we pray for your church here in Salendine Nook as we continue to work out the best way forward. Calm our fears and help us to find a new hope as we endeavour to move forward as your disciples. Help us to remember that we are your church, and we are your people. Help us to care for each other so we can work and grow in faith together with all who use the sanctuary of the church. We pray this morning with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts and we must be encouraged Lord that each day we move a step closer to returning to normality. But also help us Lord to be patient and not to rush things. We are reminded that everything has its time, and that every season has a reason so we must wait patiently.

Thank you, Lord, for the journey so far for the support and encouragement that you have given to us, for the love that you have shown for us all. For the times when we have felt alone, you have been at our side picking us up and carrying us through the difficult times. Help us we pray to remain steadfast in our journey of faith with you. Be with us in all our actions, words and deeds. Lead our thoughts and prayers.

So as our time together comes to an end help us to rejoice, that you are the King of Kings and through your love and grace grant us your peace. The peace that no-one else can give. Lord of our lives hear these our prayers, and we offer ourselves to your service, in the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen

**Hymn 4 ~ 148 MP ~ For all the Saints**

**Blessing**

**So may the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus his son and our redeemer**

**And the Holy Spirit, our comforter and enabler. Be with us now and for all eternity.**

**Amen**