Welcome to our

Pet service and

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all age

Worship At

St Andrew’s church

Great Staughton

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**Sunday 6th March 2022**

**Family service each month at 10.30**

**Everybody is welcome.**

Also, on Zoom ID 418 405 5563 PW 022067

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 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.”

Genesis 1.24

Hymn: 260 Morning has broken

 *We gather to Worship God.*

 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

 And God said “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,

 and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind:

 Cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth.”

 And so, among the creatures God created were:

 Goats and hamsters, fish and rats,

 Rabbits, snakes and gerbils,

 Guinea pigs and birds and cats,

 Budgies, dogs and beetles!

 And God saw that it was so good that he also created:

 Tortoises and geese and bees,

 Terrapins and donkeys,

 Stick insects and mice and fleas,

 Parrots, ducks, and ponies!

 And God saw that it was very good,

**All And God saw that it was very, very good.**

 Faithful one, whose word is life:

 Come with saving power.

 To free our praise,

 Inspire our prayer and shape our lives

 For the kingdom of your Son,

 Jesus Christ our Lord.

 **Amen**

Hymn: 251 All Things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small Omit verse 5

*We say sorry for things we have done wrong.*

**All Almighty God, we are sorry for the things we have done wrong this week which have offended you, and for the unkind things we may have said that have hurt our families and friends. We are sorry for the times we have not paid enough attention to the creatures that you have entrusted to our care. Please forgive us and help us to change.**

 **Amen**

*We are forgiven.*

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from all our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

 **Amen**

*Collect*

 Heavenly Father,

 Your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

 Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

 **Amen**

*We affirm our faith.*

**All We believe in God the Father,**

 **From whom every family**

 **In heaven and on earth is named.**

 **We believe in God the Son,**

 **Who lives in our hearts through faith,**

 **And fills us with his love.**

 **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

 **Who strengthens us**

 **With power from on high.**

 **We believe in one God;**

 **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

 **Amen.**

Hymn: Who put the colours in the rainbow?

 See sheet

*We listen to a Bible reading from Genesis.*(*1 v l & 31, Ch 2 v 19-20, Ch 9 v 12-16)*

TALK

*The Blessing of the animals*

 Almighty God, we thank you for your creation and for these animals, each one unique and loved by you, who bring us such joy and who trust us to care for them. Bless them and help us to keep them from harm today and always.

 **Amen**

*We share a sign of peace.*

 God is love

 And those who live in love live in God

 And God lives in them.

 The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: 250 All creatures of our God and King

 Omit verses 5 and 6

*We say our prayers*

*Lord in your mercy:*

**All Hear our prayer**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

**All Our Father in heaven,**

 **hallowed be your name,**

 **your kingdom come,**

 **your will be done,**

 **on earth as in heaven.**

 **Give us this day our daily bread,**

 **and forgive us our sins,**

 **as we forgive those who sin against us.**

 **Lead us not into temptation**

 **but deliver us from evil.**

 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

 **now and forever.**

 **Amen**

Hymn 253 For the beauty of the Earth

*We go out to serve God.*

 We have gathered today to worship God and to give thanks for the pets that share our lives. We praise you God for all your living creatures great and small. May we go from this place renewed in spirit to love and serve you, and may we honour all that you have made and rejoice in your creation.

**All Amen**

 May God, who creates all living things, bless you

 May Jesus, who teaches us how to live, bless you

 May the Holy Spirit, who fills us with peace, bless you

 And keep you today and always.

**All Amen**

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen**

 **Great Staughton St. Andrew’s Church services**

* BCP communion 8am (1st Sunday)
* All age Family service 10.30am (1st Sundays)
* Parish communion 10.30am (2nd,3rd and 4th Sundays)
* Family fun (Toddlers) Fridays 9am – 10.30am

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