



*Welcome Service for  
Reverend Lisa Quarmby*

*Co-Superintendent for  
Sheffield Circuit,*

*Minister for Victoria  
Stafford Rd, and the  
Church of Christ at  
Darnall*

a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord,  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating Word.

*Leader: Reverend Sally Coleman*

*President and Preacher: Reverend Gill Newton*



As we are scattered so we meet,  
**We meet with one mind, in soul and in spirit,**  
And in the Spirit of truth and life  
**we come to worship God,**  
The God of love with us, **the eternal creator,**  
The God of love with us, **the revealing son,**  
The God of love with us, **the empowering Spirit.**

Hymn:

**The church of Christ, in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be**

Loving God, you call your people again and again  
to new beginnings, and, again we turn to you,

We remember that when the earth was new, you  
made and gave life, in all its beauty and diversity.

**Again, we turn to you**

When we least expected it you came, in the form  
of a new-born child, turning expectations upside  
down!

**Again, we turn to you**

Then, surrounded by unexpected ones, outcasts,  
thieves, anxious rulers, and silent friends, you took  
upon yourself the burden of the whole worlds  
pain, suffering death upon the cross.

**Again, we turn to you**

The early in the morning, attended to by women  
bearing burial spices, you made your resurrection  
known, coming back to those and for those who  
had run from, despised, and denied you.

**Again, we turn to you**

So again today, in the multicoloured, always  
diverse expression of your church so we come.

**Bring to us renewed life, renewed hope, renewed  
love.**

**Forgive us when we have wounded, heal us when  
we feel hurt.**

**Soften us when we are hard-hearted.**

**Free us when we have become prisoners, even of  
ourselves.**

Set us free in the life, love, and joy of your Spirit we pray.

(silence)

To all God comes, setting us free to love and serve to live afresh again.

Thanks be to God

Amen

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 3: 1-17

Hebrews 12: 1-3

Sermon: The Reverend Gill Newton – District Chair

Hymn:

Sent by the Lord am I;  
My hands are ready now  
To make the earth a place  
In which the kingdom comes.

(Repeat)

The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love,  
Of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do,  
To set it really free.  
O help me to obey;  
Help me to do your will.

**Gill:** Sisters and brothers, I present to you Lisa who has been appointed by the Conference to serve in this Circuit.

Lisa, will you hold before us the story of God's love and mercy, above all the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and will you be among us as one who preaches the word of God, administers Baptism, presides at the Lord's Supper, teaches the faith and cares for the flock?

**Lisa:** I will, I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

Through Christ we have Good News to share

**Gill:** Will you hold before us God's call to holy living, and be among us as one who awakens the careless and strengthens the faithful?

**Lisa:** I will, I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in commitment to the way of Christ.

**May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example**

**Gill:** Will you hold before us God's commitment to human community, to our neighbourhoods, and to all who live within them and to the world that God has made?

**Lisa:** I will, I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love.

**May we respond to Christ in all we meet**

**Gill:** Lisa, in Co-Superintendent partnership with James and with Sally to you is committed the responsibility for the life and work of this Circuit. Will you with them, and all your colleagues lay and ordained, care for its people, inspire it to witness and watch over its life in the name of Christ?

**Lisa:** I will, I ask God to help me. And all to join with me in the building and equipping of the people of God in this place.

**We will join with you, in the work of God, in the seeking of grace, in the ministry and mission of all Christ's people.**

**John:** Lisa, we welcome you to the work and ministry of the Sheffield Circuit, and I ask all both

gathered and scattered to offer you friendship, support and prayers as we join together in this work.



*Welcomes are made.*

Lisa is invited to respond with some words of testimony.

Hymn:

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all  
can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts  
learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith  
and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and  
words are strong and true.  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream  
God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol  
of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water,  
wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and  
justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in  
time and space,  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us;  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond  
the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live  
the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image  
of God's face,  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their  
songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as  
words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of  
faith and songs of grace.  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

**James:** Prayers of intercession



**Sung blessing:**

God to enfold us, Christ to uphold us,  
Spirit to keep us in heavens sight,  
So may God grace us, heal, and embrace us,  
Lead us through darkness into the light



**Final Blessing:**

From where we are to where you need us

**God of Holy Love, lead on**

From the familiarity of what we once knew, to the  
wonder of what you will reveal

**Christ of Holy Love, lead on**

To be transforming agents in the world, and to be  
willing to be transformed

**Spirit of Holy Love, lead on**

We look with hope, for good things, and for signs  
of the coming kingdom.

**AMEN**

**Liturgy:**

Reverend Sally Coleman

Welcome:

adapted from the Methodist Worship Book

Prayers of intercession:

Spoken Word by Reverend James Morley

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