



**A very warm welcome**  
**Sunday 18 July 2021**

## **Welcome - Tom Wright**

### **Behold the power of his word**

He spoke – creation came to be  
I will trust his promise  
He hung the stars – a guarantee  
His word is strong enough for me  
I will trust his promise

### *Chorus*

*Generations rise, generations fall*  
*But his word is living*  
*And his word is sure*  
*Evermore, evermore, evermore*

There is salvation in his word  
His voice has called us from the grave  
I will trust his promise  
We are surrounded by his grace  
Here in the midst of those he's saved  
I will trust his promise

## **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Our eyes have seen  
Our ears have heard  
We are a witness to  
The power of your word  
So we will tell  
Your promises are good  
In Jesus Christ we have  
Your every word fulfilled

### *Chorus*

## Notices & Break

### Prayers - led by Tim Griffith

#### Liturgy - Psalm 19: 7-11

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

**the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

#### **O wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!**

True wisdom its pages unfold;

And though we may read them a thousand  
times o'er,

They never, no never, grow old!

Each line has a treasure, each promise a pearl,

That all if they will may secure;

And we know that when time and the world  
pass away,

God's Word shall forever endure.

#### **O wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!**

The lamp that our Father above

So kindly has lighted to teach us the way

That leads to the arms of His love!

Its warnings, its counsels, are faithful and just;

Its judgments are perfect and pure;

And we know that when time and the world  
pass away,

God's Word shall forever endure.

#### **O wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!**

Our only salvation is there;

It carries conviction down deep in the heart,  
And shows us ourselves as we are.

It tells of a Saviour, and points to the cross,

Where pardon we now may secure;

For we know that when time and the world  
pass away,

God's Word shall forever endure.

#### **O wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!**

The hope of our friends in the past;

Its truth, where so firmly they anchored their  
trust,

Through ages eternal shall last.

**O wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!**

Unchanging, abiding and sure;

For we know that when time and the world  
pass away,

God's Word shall forever endure.

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**Main point: Take care in listening to God's word**

**Why take care? Two opposing final outcomes**

**What it looks like to take care (and not):**

**i) glazing over**

**Vs proactivity**

**ii) giving up**

**Vs perseverance**

**iii) getting distracted**

**Vs passion**

**Conclusion: Holding fast modelled**

Questions: - How can we take more care in listening to God's word?

- When are we tempted to glaze over, give up, or get distracted from God's word?

- How can we work on our proactivity? Perseverance? Passion? How might we help one another with these?

## As the heavens are higher than the Earth

So his ways are higher than the ways of this world

And his thoughts run deeper than the mind of man

Father break into our darkened hearts

### *Chorus*

*I will trust in you as you speak to me*

*I will turn to you as you call my name*

*As the rain gives life on this arid ground*

*So your Word will bring your children home*

Come and drink the river of his Word

If you thirst for water that can satisfy

Come and join the banquet at the Master's feast

Where his love and faithfulness provide

### *Chorus*

Come and listen to his gentle voice

For the words he speaks to us are Spirit and life

Come and seek your Saviour while he may be found

Sure that Jesus' words can never lie

### *Chorus*

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## Final words

### Notices:

**New?** Welcome! Please fill in a contact card at the back or at [stnickschurch.org.uk](http://stnickschurch.org.uk) to keep in touch.

**Summer Small Groups this Wednesday.** Join us (and invite others to join us) for an evening studying Revelation 2:8-11. There *is* an online option, but we'd love you to join us **in person** at St Nick's. Dinner (BYO or buy from Wren) at **6.15pm**, before **7pm start**. The evening will finish at **8pm**.

**Social Media.** Latest videos and more on our website, Facebook and Instagram. Why not follow us?

### Please note:

Covid-19: All should wear a face covering whilst inside, maintain social distancing of at least 1m, and keep an empty seat between anyone not in their household. Thank you!

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