

# Welcome to St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood

## Confession

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.  
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

## Assurance : 1 John 1:8-9

*8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Mark 12:35-44**

35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? 36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

“‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’”

37 David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

The large crowd listened to him with delight.

38 As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.

40 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

## **Outline**

**Jesus question** : Why do the teachers of the law say the Messiah is the David’s son?

Isaiah 9:6-7, *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*Isaiah 11:1-9, Jeremiah 23:5, 30:9, 33:15, 17, 22, Ezekiel 34:23, 37:24, Hosea 3:5, Amos 9:11*

‘Not a matter of descent but greatness’

*Psalms 110*

**Religious leaders exalt themselves v38-40**

How might we exalt ourselves?

**Widow gives herself whole heartedly v41-44**

What do you owe God? What might this mean?

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord (3×)

God of God, light of light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord (3×)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord (3×)

**Holy child, how still you lie!**  
safe the manger, soft the hay;  
faint upon the eastern sky  
breaks the dawn of Christmas Day.

2 Holy child, whose birthday brings  
shepherds from their field and fold,  
angel choirs and eastern kings,  
myrrh and frankincense and gold:

3 Holy child, what gift of grace  
from the Father freely willed!  
In your infant form we trace  
all God's promises fulfilled.

4 Holy child, so far from home,  
all the lost to seek and save,  
to what dreadful death you come,  
to what dark and silent grave!

5 Holy child, before whose Name  
powers of darkness faint and fall;  
conquered, death and sin and shame,  
Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

6 Holy child, how still you lie!  
safe the manger, soft the hay;  
clear upon the eastern sky  
breaks the dawn of Christmas Day.

**In the bleak mid-winter**  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

3 What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am? —  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part, - Yet what I can I give Him, — Give my heart.