

All Age Service

**9th May 2021**

Becoming a younger church...

*All the words you need for this service are on this sheet. Please join in the bits in bold.*

Opening Words

From the rising of the sun

till its setting in the west

**God's holy Name be praised!**

On the lips of children

by babies at the breast

**God's holy Name be praised!**

In the visions of the old

and the dreaming of the young

**God's holy Name be praised!**

In the banquet hall of heaven

and the forgotten corners of our hearts

**God's holy Name be praised!**

Let all that has life and breath

praise the Lord

**Amen. We praise the Lord!**

**Buzz…** How old were you when you started coming to church? *If you’re on Zoom please put your responses in the chat!*

**Starter for 10** – some ideas to get us thinking…

**Baptism of Matthew Hesman**

*You are invited to come and stand around the baptism pool at the back – please keep a safe distance from others!*

**Bible Reading** – Mark 10:13-16

*At the end we say:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Talk *–*** Nick Shepherd

**Letters from a Young Church**

Last week the Youth Group wrote a letter to the Archbishop of York, giving their suggestions as to how the Church of England might become a younger church.

**Prayer Activity**

*On your hand write your prayer for the future of the church – it could be the future of the church in this parish, or the Church of England more broadly, or the Anglican church around the world.*

*If you’re on Zoom, please write your prayers in the chat, and we will put them onto hands.*

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 for ever.**

**Amen**

Blessing

May the love of the Father fill our hearts;

May the love of his son Jesus fill our homes;

And may the grace of the Holy Spirit

bind us together in love

in our families and communities.

And may the blessing of God be with you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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