



St Andrew's with Castle Gate
United Reformed Church, Nottingham

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Family Communion

Worship led by The Revd David Featonby

Welcome and Notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the world!

Worship the Lord with joy

Come before him with happy songs,

Acknowledge that the Lord is God.

God made us, and we belong to him

We are his people, we are his flock.

Let us worship our God, our Lord and Saviour.

Hymn I dream of a church (tune: R&S 583)

Opening prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Reflection

Hymn R&S 261: At the name of Jesus

Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Reflection

Hymn When I needed a neighbour

Prayers for the world and our neighbourhood

To the words:

See, God is doing a new thing among us,
the response is:

Lord, bring in your kingdom and renew our hope.

Holy Communion

including a confession of faith. We say together:

We believe in God, creator of all things and maker of humankind.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the human face of God, who came among us and gave Himself to set us free, and who lives again to be with us always.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and in all people, uniting us in the Church of Christ and inspiring us to renew the world.

We believe that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God and that our destiny is to enjoy abundant life, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion, said together:

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn R&S 274: God is love, his the care

Blessing (with spoken Amen)



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Living God's love through faith and action

We give a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, either in the sanctuary or on-line. If you are sitting next to a microphone, it is in use.

This Service will be live-streamed and you may be seen on camera, although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the congregation. By attending you agree to be seen in this way. If you have any concerns, please speak with our Church Secretary.

If you are visiting for the first time, please do fill out a visitor's card, which can be found on the end of the pews. We would be very pleased to stay in touch with you.

There is no Junior Church or creche in August. *Busy bag activities are available for small children to use whilst they are sat in the pews. Parents are welcome to take their children through to the halls at any time during the service - no formal activities will be provided and you will remain responsible for your children - please feel free to use the door at the front of Church to access the halls at any time.*

We extend a very warm invitation to you all to join us after the Service for coffee and friendship in our Fellowship Room downstairs. Please leave the sanctuary by the door on the right at the front and turn downstairs. If you require the lift, please keep your finger on the button until you have arrived at your destination.

If you would like to make a donation to support our Church's life and witness, donations may be made by cash in the offertory bags hanging on the end of the pews at the back of church or, at the end of the Service, on the large offertory plate by the door leading to coffee. Donations may also be made through the card reader on the shelf by the right hand door at the back of Church.

More information on our Church's life and witness may be found at

www.standrewswithcastlegate.org.uk.

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Hymn I dream of a church (tune: R&S 583)

I dream of a church that joins in with God's laughing
as she rocks in her rapture enjoying her art:
she's glad of her world, in its risking and growing:
'tis the child she has borne and holds close to her heart.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's weeping
as she crouches, weighed down by the sorrow she sees:
she cries for the hostile, the cold and no hoping,
for she bears in herself our despair and disease.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's dancing
as she moves like the wind and the wave and the fire:
a church that can pick up its skirts, pirouetting,
with the steps that can signal God's deepest desire.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's loving
as she bends to embrace the unlovely and lost,
a church that can free, by its sharing and daring,
the imprisoned and poor, and then shoulder the cost.

God, make us a church that joins in with your living,
as you cherish and challenge, rein in and release,
a church that is winsome, impassioned, inspiring:
lioness of your justice, and lamb of your peace.

*"I dream of a church" by Kate Compston
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Hymn When I needed a neighbour

When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

*"When I needed a neighbour" by Sydney Carter.
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