

Hymn The kingdom of God (Tune Laredo or The Bard of Armagh)

The Kingdom of God will be fair and be loving,
everyone having as much as they need;
no hunger or thirst, just a sharing and caring
where everyone's valued for all that they bring.

The Kingdom of God will be justice and freedom,
everyone sharing so all can grow strong;
no envy or fighting, no greedy dictators,
instead all will flourish because we are one.

The Kingdom of God shows a new way of living,
changing our values and outlook on life;
we're called to be one with all neighbours and strangers,
remembering others in all we decide.

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Blessing

Eternal God you are with us in our journeying. May your Spirit inspire us in our living and in our sharing and fill us with the courage to follow our dreams and bring the kingdom closer. Amen.



Luton and Dunstable Pastorate

Soul Cafe

Contemporary Worship in an informal setting

An expression of church through journeying
together using questions and music to explore
God's message for us today.

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Envisioning

Gathering

God has chosen us, called us from the world, to be his people,
to share together our joys and our sorrows and in the strength of Christ to
share his love with all people.

Response We have come as individuals,
 from different places and with different needs.
 We have come as God's people,
 with different skills and different ideas.
 We gather together,
 not because we have to but because we want to.
 We have come to worship our God.
 Together we lift our voices, together we offer our praise,
 together we share in word and prayer,
 together for God.

Song Thou whose almighty word

Prayer

**Creator God, in the bustle of the day and the stillness of the night, we
praise you; offering our hearts and minds in the presence of your
awesome power. Mountain top and valley, hope and despair, you are
always with us lifting us, tending us, loving us. You are the eternal God,
the Holy God and we praise you. By your grace we gather in the name of
Jesus and offer the words he taught us, Our Father....**

Listening

Readings Acts 16:9-15
 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Story [A blank piece of paper](#)

Hymn Be thou my vision

Sharing

**Around your table discuss the following questions, there will be no feed-
back afterwards and each table will be its own community in sharing.**

1. What did you dream of being/doing when you were growing up?
2. How realistic was your dream, how much of your vision did you achieve?
3. The passage from Revelation is a vision of the future but it relies heavily on images from the past. Do you think our past experience colours our subsequent visions of the future?
4. Paul has a vision, you might call it a gut instinct, or sixth sense. He shares his experience with his companions and they all set sail. How well do we make time in church to share our dreams and visions, and how might it change what we do?
5. Paul and his companions went to the river where the women gathered, not to the synagogue where the men were. Where might we as church go to connect with people and share their experience?

Reflecting

[Listen to 'The impossible dream'](#)

Prayers

Offering

**As we worship together, we pledge our commitment to sharing in the
work of our church through our continued offering and by exploring new
ways of living generously and sharing the message of hope that is God's
love. Amen**