

Dear Church Family,

# E-NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our weekly newsletter where we gather as a community to reflect on the word of God, His goodness and celebrate the blessings that surround us.



## THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

By Porcha Bennett

In light of all that is happening in the world today with the wars, instability, moral confusion, and growing uncertainty — it's no surprise that many are wondering what's next. People are searching for signs, for answers and for hope. Some are even asking if these events point to the return of Christ or the end of the age. Yet, in the midst of all the chaos, Jesus reminds us in Luke 17 that the Kingdom of God is not something to be observed from afar, It is already among us.

**Luke 17:20–21 — One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?” Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”**

Many in Jesus’ day were eagerly waiting for a visible sign of God’s kingdom, something grand, political, or spectacular. They longed for the day when God would overthrow Rome and restore Israel to power. But Jesus’ answer redirected their expectations. He revealed that the Kingdom of God was not coming with outward show, but was already present — living and active among them through Him.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Welcome Service - 10am

With Revd. Jade Standley

### TEAM MEMBERS

Pre Service Prayes - 9am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youth Alpha – Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm
- ‘We Connect’ - Tuesday  
21<sup>st</sup> October 9:30am  
-11:30am

### WORSHIP SONGS

**Opening Song - Come on and Celebrate - Patricia Morgan & Dave Bankhead**  
[https://youtu.be/6ekZIByjMVI?si=9ixZ7Bx6\\_DNUZLSL](https://youtu.be/6ekZIByjMVI?si=9ixZ7Bx6_DNUZLSL)

**2nd Song - Living Hope - Phil Wickham**  
[https://youtu.be/9f2FXxDVO6w?si=MXwEoinIjUf\\_L8ut](https://youtu.be/9f2FXxDVO6w?si=MXwEoinIjUf_L8ut)

**3rd Song - Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord - David J. Evans**  
<https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m9oU?si=xNK8t375MycfyV8>

**Final Song - To God Be The Glory**  
<https://youtu.be/yst7o-BQitA?si=TewJlxO4pAxSFtwy>

The Pharisees were looking for something they could point to, but Jesus said, ***“The Kingdom of God is in your midst.”*** In other words, the Kingdom was standing right before their eyes. **Wherever the King is, His Kingdom is also. Jesus was (and is) the embodiment of God’s reign** — bringing salvation, healing, deliverance, and righteousness to all who believe.

Today, many still look for signs — trying to predict when and how God’s Kingdom will appear in fullness. But Jesus reminds us that **the Kingdom has already begun**. It is not merely a future event; it is a present reality for those who have received Him as Lord. **Every time God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven, the Kingdom is manifest**. Every act of love, forgiveness, and obedience is evidence that the rule of Christ is alive in us.

**The Kingdom of God is not confined to a building, a service, or a religious system — it resides within the hearts of believers**. This aligns with Jesus’ earlier teachings in **Luke 13:18-21** where he compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed and leaven, both of which grow quietly and invisibly. Likewise **His Kingdom in us grows quietly but powerfully as we walk in the Spirit and submit to God’s authority in every area of life**.

This concept is further supported in **John 18:36** where Jesus says ***“My Kingdom is not of this world”***. The Kingdom’s presence is marked by the transformation of a believer’s heart and life. **Revelation 5:10** says ***“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”*** God has made us in his own image, an extension of himself carrying the Kingdom of God within us, with the charge to rule and reign on this earth as kings and priests. We become ambassadors of this invisible Kingdom, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

One day, the Kingdom will come in visible glory when Christ returns to reign forever. But until that day, we are called to **live as Kingdom people**, advancing His rule through faith, prayer, and obedience. Let’s not be like the Pharisees, waiting for outward proof. **Let’s recognise the Kingdom that is already within us and live as vessels of His power and presence**.

#### Reflection:

Are you aware of the Kingdom of God at work in and through your life?

#### Prayer:

Lord, open my eyes to see Your Kingdom at work in me. Teach me to live under Your reign and reflect Your glory wherever I go. Amen.

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## A Call To Serve - Get Involved!

If you’ve been thinking about getting more involved in the life of the church, we’d love to hear from you! There are plenty of opportunities to serve on one or more of our teams, and we welcome new hands and hearts. If you haven’t found a place to serve but would like to, please get in touch.  
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Let’s build together!

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# Open Day

## Nursery & Reception 2026 Admissions

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

(arrive 9.25am for a 9.30am start, finish at 11am)



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Attendance must be pre-registered, email [office@stmarysn3.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@stmarysn3.barnetmail.net).

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th November!

### What our parents say

"St Mary's is more than just a school; it's a family. My children have grown so much, both in faith and character."

"I love the sense of community at St Mary's. My child feels supported and valued."

"There is a strong sense of children's emotional wellbeing at St Mary's; the whole staff bring a sense of nurturing & friendliness which is felt throughout the school."

"St Mary's is a happy place where children can really thrive."



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