Baby Loss Awareness Memorial Service

11th October 2022

*Opening Sentences:*

Jesus said “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”. (Matthew 19:14)

Jesus also said “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”. (Matthew 5:4) and “Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God” (Matthew 5:8).

*Opening Hymn* Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here. Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with Holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant Kind of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans

We are here to remember with love those precious babies and children who have died unborn or in their early years, to treasure their memory, and to pray for and support their parents and all who feel their loss.

We give thanks for each of these little ones.

We acknowledge the pain and the grief that is deeply felt.

We pray for God’s strengthening, comfort and healing for all who mourn, and for God’s help and guidance in the years to come. Watch over them, Lord. Be their Rock, their Shelter, their Friend and their Guide, and may they know the support of all who are close to them,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bible Reading* Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.**

*Devotional Thought Poem*

*Prayers*

*The Lord’s Prayer:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn* The Lord’s my Shepherd

1. **The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie**

In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

1. **My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make**

Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.

1. **Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;**

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

1. **My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;**

My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

1. **Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me,**

And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.

*Blessing*