Dear friend
An update on Chris Knight's funeral, to be held at St Augustine's, Clutton. Please spread the word to others who knew him. His huge contribution to our musical life, particularly at All Saints' will be missed greatly. RIP.

Many thanks to Judith for this week's virtual service. We had identical ideas about suitable hymns, so here goes!

'Bright the vision that delighted', sung to Laus Deo by choral scholars at St Martin in the Fields in Verwood; lyrics provided to join in:
https://youtu.be/ucSTWiOXYzc

'Here I am, Lord' by Fr Daniel Schutte, based on today's reading from Isaiah 6, sung by John Michael Talbot, lyrics provided:
https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c

Henry Purcell's 'Hear my prayer O Lord' sung by the Oxford Camerata, with rolling score for choristers to sing along to. A justly famous setting, where the pleading gradually increases in intensity during the piece:
https://youtu.be/FyieyUw3GXk

Finally, a rousing worship song from Martin, 'Our God' by Chris Tomlin.
Chris Tomlin is one of the great worship song writers with a strong rock band bias which he can attract such a large audience of young Christians like this..
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJpt1hSYf2o

With every good wish.
Chris

SERVICE SHEET FOR 6th FEBRUARY
The fourth Sunday before Lent



When God calls, he also enables. *(Fiona Stratta)*

CONFESSION
God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins; for turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives, Father, forgive us: save us and help us. *(Common Worship)*
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.(Ps.103:10-12)

COLLECT
O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING Isaiah 6:1-8

REFLECTION
The calling and commissioning of Isaiah is awesome and dramatic. It is also inspiring; '"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" 'There are many accounts of God's call in the Bible; think of Samuel and Paul as two examples, and the fishermen chosen to be Jesus's disciples; all different, but equally compelling. Throughout the history of the known world, God has called people to be his messengers, his ambassadors, his voice. How does this happen, we may ask ourselves? Would I know if it happened to me? Isaiah's experience was vivid, perhaps painful. A live coal cleansed his lips – his sins were 'blotted out', making him ready to be God's spokesman. What becomes clear, though, is the many and different ways in which God calls. Sudden and startling visions, surprising encounters with angels, or a meeting on the seashore during everyday life: God provides the gifts people need to do his work; whether it's eloquence, or the ability to do sheer hard practical work, our heavenly Father knows what he needs, and he has many and varied ways of meeting that need. It may not be a dramatic call; sometimes a nudge to do something simple, perhaps a service to others, demonstrating love, is all that's needed to turn someone's life around. It might even come online…
In the seventeenth century, Brother Lawrence wrote, 'We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.'

PRAYERS
We take a few quiet moments, while we think of all the things we want to bring to God……
Lord, we pray for listening ears and open minds, to be ready for that opportunity to be of service to you. Help us to be constant in prayer – in thought for others – help us to be unselfish in our daily lives……

We pray for the world, with all its troubles and its joys, asking for peace and comfort for all who are in any kind of difficulty or distress……..

We pray for the sick and suffering, and in a time of quiet, we name those who are in our own thoughts at this time……

We give you thanks for your goodness to us and for all the blessings we enjoy. Help us to demonstrate your love to all whom we will meet in the coming week.

We say THE LORD'S PRAYER

We share THE GRACE



Today is the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession; we give thanks for her life of dedication to God and to all the countries she has served as monarch.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Collect for Accession Day – Church of England liturgy)