



The Parish Church of

St John the Baptist

Serving the communities of Bodicote,
Cherwell Heights and Longford Park

Our Parish Prayer Ever living God, give us the courage to be your church in the community and for the community, and teach us new ways to share your love with all those around us. Amen.

Sunday 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples with the sight of the
risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his
presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
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.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed
them:

‘Men of Judea and all who live in

Jerusalem, let this be known to you,
and listen to what I say. Therefore
let the entire house of Israel know
with certainty that God has made
him both Lord and Messiah, this
Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were
cut to the heart and said to Peter
and to the other apostles, “Brothers,
what should we do?”

Peter said to them, “Repent, and
be baptized every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ so that your
sins may be forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is for you, for your
children, and for all who are far
away, everyone whom the Lord our
God calls to him.”

And he testified with many other

arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us

went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post-communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.
Amen

Notices

We are delighted to welcome **Revd Alice Jolley** as our new Associate Minister and look forward to hearing her preach today. There is an article she has written introducing herself in the upcoming parish magazine so do have a read. Please do introduce yourselves to her during coffee.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place today (19th) at 11am in Church House. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church, in which members of our PCC for the coming year are appointed. The annual accounts are presented and this is your chance to ask any questions. Please do consider staying for this.

Reports from the various organisations connected with our church are available for you to read. If possible, please request these by email or download from our website - a limited number will be printed for those unable to do this.

If you haven't already done so, please take a few books of raffle tickets for our **May Community Fete** to sell to family and friends, or buy yourself. This will be the main source of income for the church. We are very grateful for Londis in Bodicote whose generosity has enabled us to add a 2nd cash prize of £75 and 3rd of £25.

If you would like to run a stall in aid of the church at the fete or are willing to help in any way, please speak to Ann or email the office.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 19 April

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 20 April

8.30am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Wednesday 22 April

2.30pm Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

Thursday 23 April

Vicar's day off

Friday 24 April

New parish magazines due in church

Sunday 19 April

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
11am APCM in Church House

*Please ask wardens for the link.

Readings for 26 April

Acts 2:42-end, 1 Peter 2:19-end,
John 10:1-10

This week we pray for all who live or work in Broad Gap, and Broad End.

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