



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 5 April Easter Day

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Collect**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains  
of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### **First reading: Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them:  
I truly understand that God shows no  
partiality, but in every nation anyone  
who fears him and does what is right  
is acceptable to him. You know the

message he sent to the people of  
Israel, preaching peace by Jesus  
Christ-he is Lord of all. That message  
spread throughout Judea, beginning  
in Galilee after the baptism that  
John announced: how God anointed  
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit  
and with power; how he went about  
doing good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was  
with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did  
both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They  
put him to death by hanging him on a  
tree; but God raised him on the third  
day and allowed him to appear, not  
to all the people but to us who were  
chosen by God as witnesses, and who  
ate and drank with him after he rose  
from the dead. He commanded us  
to preach to the people and to testify  
that he is the one ordained by God

as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### **Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him. Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the

cloth that had been on Jesus head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away'.

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended

to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'.

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Post-communion Prayer**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of  
our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## Notices

We are currently looking for a few people who would be willing to allow their letterboxes to act as collection points for return of Christian Aid envelopes and raffle stubs for the May fete. Ideally, we would like a couple of options on Longford Park, the Whitechapel/Pavillions estates and the village. Please speak to Ann or Gilly Taylor Allen or email the office.

We are a little short of volunteers for the **Sunday rotas**. Would you be willing to offer to read, lead the intercessions, act as sidesperson or help on the coffee rota? Please speak to Tricia or Emily if you would like more information.

Please collect your **weekly giving envelopes** from the back of church

if you are in this scheme. If you wish to join this scheme, please contact our treasurer - [treasurer.bodicotechurch@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.bodicotechurch@gmail.com) - who will be able to give you a Gift Aid form to complete if you are a UK tax payer and provide you with some envelopes.

We also now have the raffle tickets for the draw which will take place at our **May Community Fete**. This will be the main fundraiser for the church as the majority of stalls will be supporting the groups taking part, so please do support this and try to sell as many tickets as possible. The first prize is £100 cash. Details of other prizes will follow.

Please do put the date of the May Community Fete in your diary - **Saturday 16th May 1-4pm** - and

come along to support those taking part. The Bodicote Archive Group will be displaying some of their old photographs in the back room of Church House, Banbury Floral Art are organising a flower festival in church and the local guiding and scouting groups are taking part. with a cake stall and BBQ. Mother's Union will provide refreshments in Church House and the bell tower will be open again.

## **Diary for this week**

*All in church unless otherwise stated*

### **Sunday 5 April**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am All-age Parish Communion

### **Monday 6 April**

8.30am **NO** Morning Prayer  
(Zoom\*) due to Bank Holiday

### **Thursday 9 April**

Vicar's day off

### **Friday 10 April**

Deadline for magazine articles

### **Sunday 12 April**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am Parish Communion

### **Readings for 12 April**

Acts 2:1 4a,22-32, 1 Peter 1: 3-9  
John 20: 19-end

\*Please ask wardens for the link.

**This week we pray** for all who work  
at Diocesan House

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