



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 31 May Trinity Sunday

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory  
of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine  
majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended  
from all adversities;  
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.

### First Reading:

#### **Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counselor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor

are its animals enough for a burnt offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Second Reading:  
2 Corinthians 13: 11-end**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Gospel Reading:  
Matthew 28: 16-end**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

**Post-communion Prayer**

All mighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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# Notices

**This year's Church Experience event** is coming up in the week beginning Monday 6 July. This is a wonderful opportunity for all the children at Bishop Loveday school to come into our church, to learn about our faith, building, and worshipping community, and explore this special place. Every single class will come for a half hour visit, which is a great opportunity for outreach, but it also means we need lots of volunteers to help us.

For more information on what volunteering would involve, please do speak to the vicar who will be more than happy to talk about the general event and also what specifically we are trying this year to improve the flow.

We are seeking volunteers for the mornings of Monday 6 July, Tuesday 7 July, and Wednesday 8 July, likely between 9am and 11am (with final confirmation to come soon). We will also have one afternoon session for early years students, likely on the Tuesday afternoon.

Please let the vicar know if you are able and willing to help in any of these slots. We won't be able to do it without you! With thanks, as ever, for all the many ways in which people volunteer, and in advance for those able to help with this event.

**Bishop Loveday School** needs your help. The school is seeking a new committed and enthusiastic Foundation Governor to join the governing body and help guide the strategic direction of our school, whilst up holding the Christian

values and ethos. You don't need to be an education expert just keen to share some of your time and skills to serve your community and help shape the future of the school. To find out more speak to a current governor: Libby, Marian or Helen.

The Vicar will be away on **annual leave** from Monday 1 June to Monday 15 June. If you need assistance in the meantime, please contact the office or the churchwardens, who will be happy to help with what they can.

As part of the **150th Mothers' Union Anniversary celebrations**, Deb Lee, a Trustee from the York Province, will be cycling from York Minster to St Paul's Cathedral and will be calling into Bodicote on Saturday 6 June to meet members and then join the 9.45 service on Sunday 7th before setting off for Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford en route for London. We extend a warm welcome to her.

Our **Hymn Book Appeal** is ongoing, with grateful thanks to those who have made a donation. We will keep this open until our Patronal celebrations on Sunday 28 June.

Music is such a valuable part of our worship at St John's and our old hymn books have served us well for many years; however, the old books have seen

better days, and there are increasingly new hymns and songs that we would like to introduce for our worship. We are now seeking to replace our old copies with Ancient & Modern: Hymns and Songs

for refreshing worship, including words-only, large-print, melody, and full music editions. This includes many of our favourites from across our current three hymn books as well as containing new words to familiar tunes and other new possibilities for our worshipping life.

You can help by sponsoring a hymn book! Forms are available in church or as tear-out pages from the most recent magazine.

**Some future dates for your diaries:**

Sunday 21 June - 6pm Taize service

Sunday 28 June - our Patronal celebration

Sunday 19 July - 6pm Thanksgiving service

**Diary for this week**

*All in church unless otherwise stated*

**Sunday 31 May**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

**Monday 1 June**

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom\*

**Wednesday 3 June**

2.30pm Afternoon teas in Church House

**Sunday 7 June**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

\*ask wardens for link

**Readings for 7 June**

Genesis 12: 1-9, Romans 4: 13-end

Matthew 9; 9-13,18-26

**This week we pray** for all who live or work in East Street, and Eastern Terrace

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