



The Parish Church of

St John the Baptist

Serving the communities of Bodicote,

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 14 June Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 19.2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.35-10.23

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease

and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, The kingdom of heaven has come near. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

Whatever town or village you enter,

find out who in it is worthy, and stay be given to you at that time; there until you leave. As you enter for it is not you who speak, but the the house, greet it. If the house is Spirit of your Father speaking through worthy, let your peace come upon it; you. Brother will betray brother to but if it is not worthy, let your peace death, and a father his child, and return to you. children will rise against parents

If anyone will not welcome you or and have them put to death; and listen to your words, shake off the you will be hated by all because of dust from your feet as you leave that my name. But the one who endures house or town. Truly I tell you, it will to the end will be saved. When they be more tolerable for the land of persecute you in one town, flee to Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of the next; for truly I tell you, you will judgement than for that town. not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes..

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will

Post- communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

This year's Church Experience event is coming up in the week beginning Monday 6 July. 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.

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 14 June

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 15 June

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom*

Wednesday 17 June

2.30pm Afternoon Tea in Church House

Sunday 21 June

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

6pm Taize service

*ask wardens for link

Readings for 21 June

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10.24-39

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

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