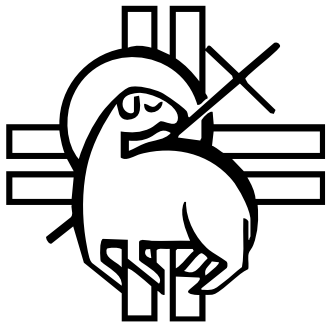




The Parish Church of

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 21 June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive
for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened
and your people served;
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 61. 1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon
me, because the Lord has anointed
me;
he has sent me to bring good news
to the oppressed, to bind up the

brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and release to the
prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour, and the day of vengeance of
our God; to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn
in Zion— to give them a garland
instead of ashes, the oil of gladness
instead of mourning, the mantle of
praise instead of a faint spirit. They
will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display
his glory.

Second Reading: Romans 12. 1-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers
and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-16a

Jesus said: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

“Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you

love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this, to
lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I
command you.

"I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know
what the master is doing; but I have
called you friends, because I have
made known to you everything that I
have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose
you. And I appointed you to go and
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that
the Father will give you whatever you
ask him in my name.

Post-communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond
our imagining and whose power we
cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can
grasp it, and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear until we may
look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Notices

150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union The Bodicote Branch are celebrating this important occasion by leading the service this morning, alongside Rev'd Emily. Please join us in Church House after the service for cake and an opportunity to discover more about the organisation.

This evening at 6pm we will hold a Taizé-style service in church for anyone who wishes to join us. The Taizé community is a unique place committed to ecumenism and reconciliation and nurturing the faith of young people. Their worship holds lots space for silence and uses simple repeated chants; it's

very reflective and open to many degrees of participation. All are very welcome to come along.

Our dear friends **Tricia and Bob Campbell** will be leaving soon for their move to New Zealand. Whilst they will be deeply missed, we wish them every blessing in their new home and the joy of being close to family. We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate them and to wish them well with drinks and nibbles after the service next week (**Sunday 28 June**). All are welcome to stay for a while after the 9.45am service as we give thanks for all they have been for us in this place and for all that is ahead of them.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 21 June

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am	Parish Communion
6pm	Taize service

Monday 22 June

8am	Morning Prayer on Zoom*
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Thursday 25 June

Vicar's day off

Sunday 28 June

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club
11.30am	Baptism of Noah Lambert

*ask wardens for link

Readings for 28 June

*Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Romans 6: 12-end
Matthew 10: 40-end*

This week we pray for all who live or work in Church Street and Town Furlong

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