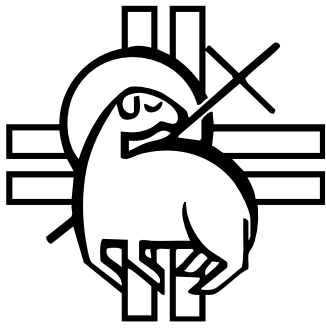




The Parish Church of

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 July 5th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of
the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a
colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim and the war-horse from
Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall
be cut off, and he shall command
peace to the nations; his dominion
shall be from sea to sea, and from
the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the
blood of my covenant with you, I
will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O
prisoners of hope; today I declare
that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading:
Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do
the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I
agree that the law is good. But in
fact it is no longer I that do it, but
sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells
within me, that is, in my flesh. I can
will what is right, but I cannot do it.

For I do not do the good I want, but
the evil I do not want is what I do.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is
no longer I that do it, but sin that
dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when
I want to do what is good, evil lies
close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God in
my inmost self, but I see in my
members another law at war with
the law of my mind, making me
captive to the law of sin that dwells
in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will
rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus
Christ our Lord!

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

“But to what will I compare this
generation? It is like children sitting
in the marketplaces and calling to
one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you
did not dance; we wailed, and you did
not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor
drinking, and they say, “He has a
demon”;

the Son of Man came eating and
drinking, and they say, “Look, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax
collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom
is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank
you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and the
intelligent and have revealed them
to infants; yes, Father, for such was
your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to
me by my Father; and no one knows
the Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and
I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn
from me; for I am gentle and humble
in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. For my yoke is easy, and
my burden is light.”

Post-communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may
be so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Hymn (sung by the choir)

‘Come to me’, says Jesus,
‘all who are distressed;
take my yoke upon you,
I will give you rest.

I am meek and humble,
find, with me, release
from false airs and graces;
come, and be at peace.’

Hear the call of Jesus,
come, be deeply blessed;
his the invitation,
you the honoured guest.

Here, where bread is broken,
here, where wine is poured,
thankfully receive him,
find your faith restored.

Pardon, feed and heal us,
humble, courteous Lord,
gracious host, for ever
honoured and adored.

Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

Notices

Our evening service this month will be a **service of Thanksgiving**, celebrating all those who give so generously of their time and talents in the life of our church. The service will take place at 6pm on Sunday 19 July. More details to follow.

An advance notice that there will be **no afternoon teas on Wednesday 5th August** due to the floor in Church House being renovated.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 5 July

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 6 July

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom*

Wednesday 8 July

7.30pm Mothers' Union meet in Church House. Speaker: Revd Sarah Cottrell

Thursday 9 July

Vicar's day off

Sunday 12 July

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Readings for 12 July

Isaiah 55: 10-13, Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

*ask wardens for link

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