



Sunday 5th July 2026 - Trinity 5

Holy Communion & Holy Baptism of Matias George Hickman Ferreira

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold**.
If you have children with you and they get restless during the service
please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner you are
welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

This morning we are delighted to welcome Matias and his family and
friends to his baptism.

Prayer ministry will be available during the distribution of Holy
Communion. Our prayer ministry team is small at the moment. We are
still committed to offering prayer and for the time being we will be
using a short Celtic prayer for healing.

Call to Worship

Please stand as able at the entry of the ministers.

One: In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen

One: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

A short time of quiet is kept

One: As God's people we have gathered

Many: Let us worship God together.

Welcome

We sit as we receive words of welcome, concluding with this prayer:

**Many: Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

One: In baptism, we are called out of darkness and into God's wonderful light. We light this candle as a reminder of God's presence with us.

The candle is lit.

Opening Hymn: Bless this water, bless this child

We stand as able to sing.

*Bless this water, bless this child,
upon this joyful day
Bless us as we gather here
and lead us on our way*

We hear your voice from heaven,
speak blessings from above,
such words of affirmation,
encouragement and love.

Bless this water, bless this child...

Your faith in us is stronger,
than we can ever know,
You see our true potential,
and guide us as we grow.

Bless this water, bless this child...

You give us light in darkness,
and hope when we despair,
You strengthen us in weakness,
and hold us in your care.
Bless this water, bless this child...

We pray for peace and purpose,
for happiness and fun,
for health of mind and body,
till life's adventure's done.

*Bless this water, bless this child,
upon this joyful day
Bless us as we gather here
and lead us on our way*

Words by Ally Barrett

Confession

We sit or kneel.

One: Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's
redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*We keep a short time of quiet
Then we all say together:*

Many: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

The president assures us of God's forgiveness using these words;

One: May the God of love
bring *you* back to himself,
forgive *you your* sins,
and assure *you* of God's eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen

Gloria

We stand as able to sing the gloria together:

Many: *Glory to God;
Praise to the Son;
Love to the Spirit:
Three and yet one.
(repeat)*

Collect

We remain standing as able as we are led in prayer.

One: Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

We sit as we listen to our first reading.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse 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.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

We stand as able to sing number 490 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

We stand, as able, for the Gospel reading.

One: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

Many: Glory to you O Lord

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ 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.'

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

One: This is the gospel of The Lord

Many: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

We sit and listen to the sermon.

The sermon is followed by a short time of quiet for personal reflection.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Matias and his parents and godparents are invited to the font.

Jenni: James and Cati, do you wish for Matias to be baptized?

C&J: We do.

Jenni addresses the congregation.

Jenni: We thank God for Matias who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes

him into the Church. Will you support Matias on his journey of faith?

Many: **We will.**

Jenni: Will you help Matias to live and grow within God's family?

Many: **We will.**

Jenni addresses Matias' parents and godparents

Jenni: God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Matias today. Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

Parents &

Godparents: **We will.**

Jenni: We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to God's call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

Parents &

Godparents: **I do.**

Jenni: Do you reject evil?

Parents &

Godparents: **I do.**

Jenni: Do you turn to Christ?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Jenni: Do you trust in Christ?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Signing with the Cross

Jenni: Matias, Christ claims you as his own. Receive the sign of the cross. It is the mark of Christ.

Jenni makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on Matias' forehead.

Jenni: Throughout your life may you bear the mark of Christ's love.

God created you for wonder and joy,
But there is darkness here too and suffering.
Christ came to show us the way of love that
transforms all.

Many: May you remain faithful to God to the end of your life.

Prayer over the water

Water is poured into the font.

Jenni: We praise you, loving Creator, for the gift of Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him and
revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, life-giving God, we ask you to bless this water,
that Matias and all who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Many: Amen.

Profession of Faith

We stand as able

Diane: Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

Many: I believe and trust in God.

Diane: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

Many: I believe and trust in God.

Diane: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

Many: I believe and trust in God.

Diane: This is the faith of the Church.

**Many: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

Matias is baptised with water as these words are said;

Jenni: Matias, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen.

Jenni: May God who has received you by baptism into the
Church, pour upon you the riches of God's grace
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by the anointing Spirit
and come to the inheritance of the saints in
heaven. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jenni: There is one God, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**Many: God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Children of God,
blessed in the Spirit,
welcome to the family of Christ.**

*We welcome Matias with a round of applause. His stone is placed inside
the font and certificates are given to the Godparents and parents.*

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. This bidding may be used;

One: Lord, in your mercy;

Many: Hear our prayer

At the end:

One: Merciful Father

**Many: Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

We stand as able for the peace.

One: The peace of God be in your heart and mind.
The peace of God give you hope and courage.
The peace of God make you whole and holy.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

Many: And also with you.

David Adam

We offer one another a sign of peace in whatever way is most appropriate.

Offertory Hymn: Christ be our light

We remain standing as able to sing. During the hymn a collection for the mission and ministry of the church will be taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader on exit.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until are fed.
Christ, be our light...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.
Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell

The Eucharist

Please remain standing as able.

One: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for
everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**Many: All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

One: The Lord is here

Many: God's spirit is with us

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*:

***Many: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was, and is, and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.***

One: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his
friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

One: Jesus Christ is Lord

**Many: Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

One: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

We sit or kneel and continue with The Lord's Prayer.

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or
language comes most naturally;

**Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Give us this day
our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine
is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Many: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

One: God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Many: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

If you would like to receive communion please follow the instructions of the wardens who will direct you. If for any reason you do not want to receive but would like a prayer of blessing please come forward and keep your hands lowered. If you do not want to come up for either communion or a blessing please remain seated.

If you are unable to walk up to the altar let a duty warden know and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Song: We cannot bear the full light of your glory.

We cannot bear the full light of your glory
while we are here on this created earth;
your holiness, your claim on truth and justice,
would crush our lives, lay bare our secret shames.

So, in your love, your mercy and true wisdom,
as you come close, you hide us with your hand;
yet let a glimpse of majesty and grandeur
colour our lives, beyond imagining.

You do not come as fire or wind or earthquake
but as small voice, a murmur, hardly heard.
When life is hard we may forget your glory
but light spills out, even from darkest clouds.

So, God, each day, we look to glimpse your glory;
to find you here in ordinary life.
Then we can sense the fullness that awaits us
when we're embraced by your eternal light.

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Post Communion Prayer

When everybody has received communion, we say this prayer together;

Many: **Merciful God,
 you have called us to your table
 and fed us with the bread of life.
 Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

Final Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

We stand as able to sing our final hymn, number 516 in Common Praise.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Matias is given a candle, lit from the Paschal candle.

One: Jesus said 'I am the light of the world. Whoever
 follows me will never walk in darkness but will have
 the light of life.'

 Matias, you have received the light of Christ;
 walk in this light all the days of your life.

Many: **Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God.**

Blessing and dismissal

We remain standing and join in these closing responses

One: To a troubled world

Many: peace from Christ.

One: To a searching world

Many: love from Christ.

One: To a waiting world

Many: hope from Christ.

One: Go with confidence into the day ahead,
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
God will not abandon you, for you are the
work of His hands - His own creation - and
His love endures forever.
And the blessing of God...

Many: Amen.

One: Go in the peace of Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after the service. Do stay if you can.

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 5 th July 6:30pm:	Taize Service
Wednesday 8 th July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th July 10:30am:	Family Service: Sea Sunday
Wednesday 15 th July 10am:	Holy Communion

CHURCH CLEAN – SATURDAY 11TH JULY 10-1PM

All are welcome to come and help give the church a well needed clean. Cleaning products and refreshments will be provided. You don't have to stay the whole time, even an hour would be helpful. See Julie Batham for more information.

KNITTING NEEDLES AT THE READY!

Thank you to the generous support of those who thoughtfully knit for our seafarers, who continue to need our support more than ever on our seas, particularly those in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Mission to Seafarers have asked for hats again this year, which are particularly welcome. We will be collecting knitting over the next few weeks to send off to our seafarers.

Thank you, The Gibbens Family

THE GIFT OF SILENT PRAYER

"Welcome to Breathing Space. This is a time to practise the ancient Christian tradition of contemplative silent prayer. It is an invitation to simply be present with God. To discover God's peace in a noisy world. And when we are at peace we might create ripples of peace in the world around us".

All are welcome to join others in the choir vestry (entry through the church's back door) on: 17th July, 21st August, 18th September 10am - 10.45am. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

JULY ECO TIPS

It's **Plastic Free July**, and this year we're thinking about laundry – one of the largest sources of microplastic pollution.

Clothing made from synthetic fibres such as polyester, nylon and acrylic sheds millions of tiny plastic fibres during washing and drying. Many of these microfibres enter the sewage system, where they are difficult to

filter out completely before reaching rivers and the sea. You can help reduce this pollution by using a microfibre-catching laundry bag or washing machine filter, washing clothes less often and at lower temperatures (which also makes the clothes last longer), and choosing natural fibre clothing where possible.

Learn more about reducing plastic pollution from laundry at: plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry

Do let the Eco Group know if you make any other plastic swaps this month!

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

The summer is a very busy time for Concerts. We have the 3 Shires Festival in June and July, as well as Conservatoire Concerts.

Conservatoire Concerts will be on:

Friday 10th July 13.00. Rumei Huang – pianist & Diane Ludwig – violinist

Saturday 25th July. Oliver Matthews - pianist

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations to cover costs and for church funds are welcome.

Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGY

Mother Diane our curate and Mother Charlotte Gibson, who works for the diocese of Birmingham, run a Women's Theology Group fortnightly during term times. We meet on Thursday evening at St George's vicarage Edgbaston and on Friday morning at a cafe on Harborne High St. It's open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is 18 years of age

and over. It's ecumenical, which means people come from a variety of churches in the local area. No preparation is necessary and its suitable for all levels of knowledge and ability. Each week is a separate session so you can come as and when you like. We look at women's stories in the Bible and see how God shows the good news of themselves to the women and ourselves. If anyone is interested in coming along, speak to Mother Diane and she can give you more details. The next dates are: 9th and 10th July.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

POST SERVICE REFRESHMENT SERVERS

Help is required to serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits after the Sunday morning service. Volunteers are put on a rota and on duty no more than once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Sue Eaton or ask the person serving you today to find out more.

DUTY WARDENS

Duty Wardens are responsible for getting the church ready on Sundays, including setting up the altar for Holy Communion, lighting candles, managing the collection, and clearing up at the end of the service. Most duty wardens serve once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Church Wardens Ian or Julie to find out more.

PANTRY DONATIONS

Now that Smethwick Foodbank is closed non perishable food donations will be given to Bearwood Pantry.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

Tidying the garden at the front of the church

From 11th April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2026 dates will be: 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, and 3rd October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris. As with all volunteering roles volunteers will be required to complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training prior to starting.

This week please pray for;

- Year 6 from Annine Lennard school who will visit us this week.
- Diane and Jenni as they offer chaplaincy at Cygnet Hospital.
- The service admission of Church Wardens four our deanery, especially for Ian and Julie.
- The funerals of David Parsons on Thursday, and of Lynne Dale on Friday.



THE HUT

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

An open afternoon for the community to visit, share ideas, and explore how the former Scout Hut could be used to benefit the local community in the future.

**SATURDAY
11 JULY**

2PM-4PM

Refreshments provided.

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The Hut

The Scouts left last year and now we have a vacant building on our site. The hut has it's own small kitchen and toilets, electricity supply as is separate from the hall and church. The PCC are inviting the congregation and community to think about what it could be used for.

List of non negotiables;

- It needs to be financially sustainable.
- It can't be aimed at folk who might be on child sex register (because of the amount of children's groups in the hall)
- Cause of conflict with parking (i.e. 6 cars during halls busiest times)
- Minimal noise, with no activities after 10pm.
- No groups/activities that are not in line with church ethos and mission values.

The hut needs a lot of work! We are open to partnering with a charity, social enterprise or organisation and will seek funding for the work that needs to be done to make it fit for it's next purpose.

Questions we'd love you to think and pray about, and answer on the board at the back of church (or email to the Church Wardens or Jenni);

Where is the 'treasure' in our communities? What gifts, skills and assets do we have?

What are the needs of our communities?

What do you think God might be saying to us about how the hut could be used?

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<u>Safeguarding information</u> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible". http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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