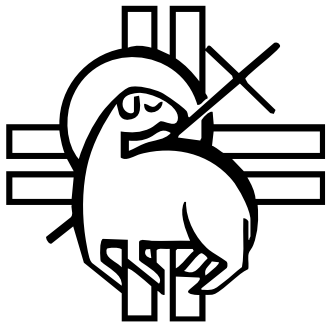




The Parish Church of

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 30 August 13th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear
witness that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news
of your love, that all who hear it may
be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on
the cross, and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know; remember
me and visit me, and bring
down retribution for me on my
persecutors. In your forbearance do
not take me away; know that on your
account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate
them, and your words became to me
a joy and the delight of my heart; for
I am called by your name, O Lord,
God of hosts. I did not sit in the
company of merry-makers, nor did
I rejoice; under the weight of your
hand I sat alone, for you had filled
me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my
wound incurable, refusing to be
healed? Truly, you are to me like a
deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the Lord: If you
turn back, I will take you back, and
you shall stand before me. If you
utter what is precious, and not what
is worthless, you shall serve as my
mouth. It is they who will turn to
you, not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people a

fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Second Reading:
Romans 12: 9-end

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. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will

heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 16: 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Post-communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the
true manna, the living bread from
heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage until we
come to that place where hunger
and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for
me?
'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries

to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above --
so free, so infinite his grace --
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with
light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ,
my own.

Notices

We are really thrilled to be launching
St Johns 20s and 30s this autumn.
We hope that this new ministry might
create space for new community to
form and for Christian
faith to deepen. Please pray for us, as
we begin to explore together what our
community might look like.

We will be launching with a drinks
social at The Plough Inn in Bodicote at
7.30pm on Tuesday 8th September –

first drink free! Following this, we plan
to meet on the first Tuesday of each
month and will update the group as to
the plan via WhatsApp and/or social
media.

If you are in this age range and would
like to know more, or if you have
friends or family in this age range,
you can get in touch with Coral at
stjohns20sand30s@outlook.com
where she will be able to give more

information about what's coming up, and add anyone who wants to be involved to the WhatsApp group.

The rescheduled **Church Experience** Event for Bishop Loveday School will take place in the week commencing 21st September. We are seeking volunteers for the mornings of Monday 21st September, Tuesday 22nd September, and Wednesday 23rd September, between 9am and 11am. Please let the vicar know if you are able and willing to help in any of these slots or are interested in finding out more. We won't be able to do it without you!

Don't forget the **Silent Auction** for three works of art by the late George Walker. All proceeds will go to Church funds. Auction closes on Sunday 20 September.

This week we pray for all who live or work in Oxford Road.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 30 August

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 31 August

8am **NO** Morning Prayer on Zoom* this week due to Bank Holiday - resumes 7th September

Wednesday 2 September

2.30pm Afternoon teas in Church House

Thursday 3 September

Vicar's day off

Saturday 5 September

1pm Wedding of Natasha Gargan and Matt Edwards

Sunday 6 September

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion

Readings for 6 September

Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Romans 13: 8-end
Matthew 18: 15-20

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