



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 2 August

9th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the
life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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 55: 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to
the waters; and you that have no
money, come, buy and eat! Come,

buy wine and milk without money
and without price.

Why do you spend your money
for that which is not bread, and
your labour for that which does
not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,
and eat what is good, and delight
yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to
me; listen, so that you may live. I
will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David.

See, I made him a witness to the
peoples, a leader and commander
for the peoples. See, you shall call
nations that you do not know, and
nations that do not know you shall
run to you, because of the Lord your
God, the Holy One of Israel, for he
has glorified you.

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “They need not

go away; you give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”

And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post-communion Prayer

Holy Father,

who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

A message from Bob and Tricia Campbell. Just to let you all know that following numerous heart tests Bob’s cardiologist confirmed that he does have atrial fibrillation but doesn’t need a pacemaker or defibrillator and therefore he is clear to fly ~ great news. However, we are absolutely loving living in our

quirky Airbnb cottage in Alkerton, with no commitments in the diary, gorgeous weather and open countryside to walk in, so we made the easy decision to stay here until the end of July. However by the time you read this we should be on our way to Auckland via Hong Kong (no stop over or travelling this time)

to arrive in Auckland on Sunday 2nd August. Thank you once again for your very generous gift and once spring arrives in NZ we will be buying pots of plants and shrubs so will then let you know what we have spent the money on. With our love and prayers to you all

The annual **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 12th September** this year. Unfortunately, we have so far had no response to our appeal for someone to co-ordinate this for us and it would be a real shame if we are unable to provide the usual warm welcome when riders and striders visit our church. Rob and Marian, who have been doing this for some years now, will be happy to provide more details of what is involved.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 2 August

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 3 August

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom*

Wednesday 5 August

2.30pm **NO** Afternoon teas in Church House due to floor refurbishment

Thursday 6 August

Vicar's day off

Sunday 9 August

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion

Readings for 9 August

1 Kings 19: 9-18, Romans 10: 5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

*ask wardens for link

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