

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 16th August 2026

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Please sit or stand as you feel comfortable, although guidance is provided.

Please try to be quiet before the service begins.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits, which are clearly marked. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and assembly point.

Toilet and baby change are available towards the back of church.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.com, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) Please refrain from dipping consecrated wafers into the communion wine. Communion wine will be offered from a common cup in the normal way. Please receive the bread and then the wine, if you wish to, and return to your places.

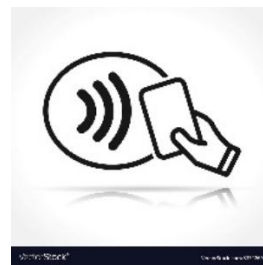
If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Paul Knight and the Preacher is Father Rob Wiggins.

GATHERING

All stand to sing the PROCESSIONAL HYMN (HON 210) when announced.

**God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King,**

**At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man His blessings give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above
One in joy and light and love.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Priest introduces the confession and then all pray in silence.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Priest says the absolution, proclaiming God's forgiveness and all respond
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All *Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Read by Bonnie Millar

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 81) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 15.21-28

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Alleluia ...

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia ...**

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON *Father Rob Wiggins*

All stand for **THE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Ian Thomson*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

All <i>At the end</i>	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.	<i>or</i>	Lord, hear us All Lord, graciously hear us.
All	Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.		

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces the Peace.

We are the body of Christ.
 In the one spirit we were all baptised into one body.
 Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
 and builds up our common life.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN (HON 12)

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be
for we have no hope nor Saviour,
if we have no hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and pow'r

All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee

in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died
all for Jesus! thou art with us;
all for Jesus, glorified.

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be;
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

Wise and gracious God,
You spread a table before us;
Nourish your people with the word of life
And the bread of heaven.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Priest says

**All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.**

**All Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.**

**All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

**All Great is the mystery of faith:
 Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and all respond

**All ... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

All sit. Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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 this day our daily bread.
And 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Priest invites the people to receive communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 590)

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my
breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving
guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy
tide,
Wash me with water flowing from
thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy
Passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer
me;**

**Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and
shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from
thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe
malign;
In death's dread moments make me
only thine;
Call me, and bid me come to thee on
high,
Where I may praise thee with thy
saints for aye.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.
All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Following the notices, all stand for **THE BLESSING**

Through the tender compassion of our God
may the dawn from on high break upon you
and guide your feet into the way of peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing for the **RECESSIONAL HYMN** (HON 408). Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks
through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one with us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your pow'r breaks
through,
living Lord.**

THE DISMISSAL

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 In the name of Christ. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 19th 10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 23rd 8am Said Eucharist
 10am Parish Sung Eucharist

Prayers: Please keep those who are unwell, including Mari Herter and Stefan Delorme, Hanar and her sons Lamo, Lalo and Lawa, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Cynthia Wiggins, Peter Shaw, Brenda Smith, Dan Mullaney, Sally Baldock, Ron Court, Norman Vaughton and Carleen Lowe and in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Tony Howson, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

Taizé: Please note, there is **no Taizé** service this evening, 16th of August. The next one will be on Sunday 20th September.

The next Julian meeting will be on Thursday 20th August at 4.30pm. This meeting is a monthly opportunity to sit in silent prayer in church for thirty minutes.

Messy Church: we're back after our summer break! Join us on Saturday 5th September, 3-4.30 pm for food, activities, and crafts. All families are welcome, whether you're Messy Church regulars or are coming for the first time.

Training Session: Kate (Local Authority child protection) and Ed (Destitution casework) have offered to deliver a bespoke session for **church staff, volunteers, stewards, group leaders, wardens and PCC Trustees**. The session will:

- **Provide practical guidance on managing confrontation and maintaining personal safety in the church context.**
- **Increase understanding of how mental ill-health, addiction, disability, social background and other factors may affect an individual's presentation and behaviour.**
- **Support the church's inclusive approach while maintaining appropriate boundaries and safety standards.**
- **Equip stewards and volunteers with strategies to respond confidently and appropriately to concerns.**

As there is currently no diocesan provision covering this specific area, the session will be tailored to the needs of the community at St John's.

This will take place on **Saturday 5th September in church, starting at 10 - 11.30**, with the option of repeating the session at a later date if required. There will be a **sign up sheet at the back of church** for those interested in attending.

Parish Office: Please note that Kathryn will be on annual leave w/c 7th & 14th September. If you have any notices for the Sundays affected, or other jobs to be done, please let her know before Wednesday 2nd September. Many thanks.

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our **CAF Online Giving page**. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the **QR code below**. Alternatively, you can make a donation directly to our bank account, number 50149438, sort code 40-10-06. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry at this difficult time.

We now have a **contactless giving box** on one of the tables at the back of church. It is very simple to use, with onscreen instructions. You can use either a credit or debit card. Although the machine is set up for a **£6 donation**, you have the option to raise or lower it at your discretion.

Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.

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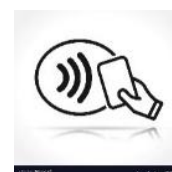
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Once you have finished with it, we would encourage you to recycle it.

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Regular Church Services

Sundays	8am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
Wednesdays	10am	Said Eucharist
Every 1 st Sunday	6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Every 3 rd Sunday	6:30pm	Taizé Service
Every 1 st Tuesday	2pm	‘Green Pastures’ Dementia Friendly Service

Regular Church Groups/Activities

Tuesdays (Term time)	9:30am	ABC2 Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays	10am	Coffee Stop
Every 3 rd Thursday	4:30pm	Julian Prayer Group
Every Friday	7:25pm	Choir Practice
Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4th Sunday	10am	Youth Group
Every 2 nd Sunday	6pm	Youth Group

Open Door

We aim to open on Wednesdays, following the 10am Eucharist until 12pm