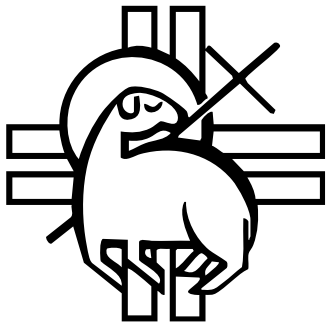




The Parish Church of

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 6 September 14th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way
into your presence:
give us pure hearts
and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: Ezekiel 33: 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall

surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Second Reading:
Romans 13: 8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said: "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Post-communion Prayer

Lord God,
the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of
bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of
heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 our community with a drinks social at The Plough Inn in Bodicote at 7.30pm this 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/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 it.

OHCT Ride & Stride takes place this coming Saturday (12th). There are sponsor forms in church if you would like to sponsor those taking part. half of the money raised by us comes back to the church. There is also a rota for welcomers at church on the day - a few more are still needed. Len and Judi Holmes have kindly offered to organise this for us and will be happy to give you more details.

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 11.30am. 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!

The **Silent Auction** for the George Walker paintings continues until Sunday 20 September. They will be on display in Church House again after the 9.45am service for viewing.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Saturday 3 October

2pm Family Autumn crafts

Sunday 4 October

9.45am All-Age Harvest Festival

12noon Harvest Lunch

Saturday 17 October

7.30pm Quiz night

full details can be found in our magazine.

This week we pray for all who live or work in Canal Lane, Merlin Close and Spitfire Close.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 6 September

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Monday 7 September

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom*

Tuesday 8 September

7.30pm St Johns 20s and 30s meet in The Plough, Bodicote

Wednesday 9 September

MU branch coffee morning

Thursday 10 September

Vicar's day off

Saturday 12 September

OHCT Ride & Stride event

Sunday 13 September

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

Readings for 13 September

Genesis 50: 15-21, Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35S

*ask wardens for link

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