

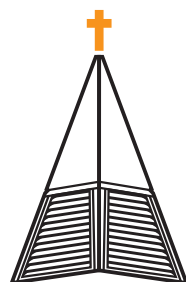


Welcome to our service of

SUNG HOLY COMMUNION AND HOLY BAPTISM OF PHOEBE FAITH ROBERTS

TRINITY 12

10AM ON SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILYCHURCH

Parents please note: There are some toys and books set out in the worship area for children and toddlers. Please make yourself at home, we appreciate children can be noisy and there is no need to apologise for that, or to feel awkward, at any time. Please know, God delights in children and there is no need or requirement for them, or for you, to sit still in our time together.

THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our
praise, inspire our prayer and shape
our lives for the kingdom of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate is presented to the congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In Baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome
Phoebe Faith Roberts and uphold
her in her new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The president says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church
receives Phoebe with joy. Today we
are trusting God for her growth in
faith. Will you pray for her, draw her
by your example into the community
of faith and walk with her in the way
of Christ?

P/G **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Phoebe begins her
journey in faith. You speak for her
today. Will you care for her, and help
her to take her place within the life
and worship of Christ's Church?

P/G **With the help of God, we will.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 1.8-2.10

NOW A NEW KING arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.'

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.'

But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?'

The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not

like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.

When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I

will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth
you now bring us -
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By your blood I may enter your
brightness:
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness -
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives
tell your story -
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 16.13-20

Alleluia (x5). My sheep hear my voice | says the Lord. I know them, and they | follow me Alleluia (x5)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

NOW WHEN JESUS came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE DECISION

The president addresses the candidate.

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

P: **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P: **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

P: **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P: **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

P: **I come to Christ.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

A minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate using these words.

Phoebe, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

The president invites parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidate with the cross. When the candidate has been signed, the president says:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The minister and candidate gather at the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and opened for all the way of salvation. Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever. Saving God

All: **give us life. Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The president dips the candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying:

Phoebe, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism: Phoebe, by one Spirit we are all Baptised into one body.

All: **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

The congregation greets the newly baptized.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **and also with you.**

We do not pass a collection plate during the service, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him,
With love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder
And with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Caroline M Noel (1817 - 77)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with Leonard and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

AGNUS DEI

All: **Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president and people receive communion. Our communion table is open to everyone aged over 7 years — but if you or your child would prefer a blessing, please do come to the rail and simply cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion, we sing.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson (1842-1906)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Phoebe is given a lighted candle. When she has received the candle, the minister says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your
life.

All: **Shine as a light in the world to the
glory of God the Father.**

FINAL HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

DIOCESAN MISSION PRAYER

All: **God of Mission: Who alone brings
growth to your church, Send your
Holy Spirit to give Vision to our
planning, Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship And power to
our witness.**

**Help our church to grow
in numbers, in spiritual
commitment to you, And in
service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God who out of darkness brings
new hope and a new future, fill you
with new life; and the blessing of
God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit be with you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Thank you for coming to our service this
morning. Please take your order of service
home with you.*

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.
1 Corinthians 3.6*

JUST TAKE 5

Five people

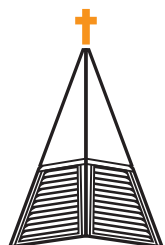
I am regularly praying that the following people will come to know the amazing, transforming love of Jesus:

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Five prayers

If you have a spare five minutes this week, please can you pray for the following:

- 1 For Phoebe and her family, thanking God for her faith and her decision to be baptised today.
- 2 For nations facing the increase of Ebola, that God will deliver them from danger, bring healing and comfort and help leaders to make wise decisions.
- 3 For people who are suffering the after effects of earthquakes, wild fires, and drought, that they will be helped quickly and effectively.
- 4 For the people of Palestine's West Bank facing the denial of religious freedom, civil rights and freedom of movement, that justice will prevail.
- 5 Our Diocesan Mission Weekend that God goes before us in our invitations.



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Thank you for coming to our service this morning, we look forward to welcoming you again for our services next week. Please do join us for refreshments in the main hall after the service.

NEXT WEEKS' SERVICES | SUN 30 AUGUST 26 - TRINITY 13
Exodus 3.1 - 15 — Matthew 16.21 - end

8:30am Holy Communion
10:00am Sung Holy Communion.
11:30am Holy Baptism for Delilah Sumner