

# Walbury Beacon Benefice

Combe, Enborne, Hamstead Marshall, Inkpen, Kintbury with Avington, West Woodhay

## A Service For HOLY COMMUNION

*Please join in those parts of the service printed in **Bold Type***

*The service begins with a HYMN*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

*Please sit or kneel*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As we prepare to worship God let us ask for his forgiveness for all we have done wrong

**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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand to sing or say the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

**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. Amen.**

*The president says the COLLECT*

*Please sit for the reading(s).*

*At the end of the reading, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing the Gradual HYMN*

*All remain standing to hear the Gospel*

*As the Gospel is announced*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON - *please sit*

*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.**

*The INTERCESSION.*

*Please sit or kneel*

*Each bidding ends with the response*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*We conclude with*

Merciful Father,

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

*All stand for the peace*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Offertory HYMN during which the collection is taken and the altar prepared*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

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

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

*The prayer continues until*  
...forever praising you and saying / *singing*:

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

*The president continues until s/he says*  
Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues until*  
...we worship you, Father almighty in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray with confidence

**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.**

*The president breaks the bread and says*  
We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
Because we all share in one bread.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table O merciful Lord, trusting in our own  
righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs  
under your table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us  
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his  
blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through  
his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us, Amen.**

*The president invites the people to receive communion with these words*  
Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood  
which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing. If you do not normally receive communion please simply bow your head at the altar rail.*

*After communion the president may say a prayer and all will join in a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment:*

*Either*

**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.**

*Or*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us  
in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All stand to sing the HYMN*

*The BLESSING AND DISMISSAL*

*These or other suitable words are used*

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

