

# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Led by Simon McDowell

Welcome to our service of Morning Prayer. Please join in using the words in **bold**.

## Opening Hymn

"I hear Thy welcome voice / Gwahoddiad" recorded for BBC Songs of Praise

I hear Thy welcome voice,  
That calls me, Lord, to Thee,  
For cleansing in Thy precious blood  
That flowed on Calvary.

*I am coming, Lord,  
Coming now to Thee:  
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood  
That flowed on Calvary.*

Though coming weak and vile,  
Thou dost my strength assure;  
Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,  
Till spotless all, and pure.

'Tis Jesus calls me on  
To perfect faith and love,  
to perfect hope and peace and trust,  
for earth and heav'n above.

All hail, atoning blood!  
All hail, redeeming grace!  
All hail, the gift of Christ our Lord,  
Our strength and righteousness!

Songwriter: Lewis Hartsough

### Prayer of Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

### Prayers of Penitence

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

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners,  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### Hymn

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, hosanna  
You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

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Songwriters: Brenton Brown / Paul Joseph Baloche

## Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4 & 15-18 (NIVUK)

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the Lord's great love for ever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> I will declare that your love stands firm for ever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- <sup>3</sup> You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant,
- <sup>4</sup> "I will establish your line for ever  
and make your throne firm through all generations.
- <sup>15</sup> Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.
- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice in your name all day long;  
they celebrate your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are their glory and strength,  
and by your favour you exalt our horn.
- <sup>18</sup> Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

Scripture Reading read by Pam Blewett

Matthew 10:40-42 (NIVUK)

<sup>40</sup> 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King” recorded for BBC Songs of Praise at Dunfermline Cathedral

All creatures of our God and King  
Life up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou flowing water pure and clear  
Make music for thy Lord to hear  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright  
That givest us both warmth and light  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Songwriters: St Francis of Assisi / William Draper

## Sermon

Pat Hegarty is opening God's word for us today

## The Creed

**I believe in God, The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.

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.

### Prayers

Prepared and read for us by Deb Whittaker

The response is:  
Lord Come to us ~ **Our door is open**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sin,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.

### The Collect

For the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Final Hymn

“All things bright and beautiful”

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
We gather every day.

## The Blessing

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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**

Intro/outro music by [www.purple-planet.com](http://www.purple-planet.com)

## Note

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Please do not come to the office in person; we are all working remotely.

# Thank you for joining us today

## Going Deeper

### Bible Notes: Matthew 10.40-42

The disciples have been sent out 'in the name of Jesus', proclaiming the same good news and performing the same good works as him. They share in his poverty and are called to go out into new places, taking no extras with them; no clothes, shoes or food – they have to rely solely on the hospitality of others.

This call to be welcoming and to be welcomed is incredibly significant, as in those days, the identity of a person was very much tied into family and community. In showing hospitality to one person, you were in fact welcoming the whole family or whole community they were a part of. So, welcoming someone who had come 'in the name of Jesus' was actually extending welcome and hospitality to Jesus himself. It can be difficult sometimes to be welcoming or to accept hospitality from others, especially when we've never met them before. How welcoming are we to those we come across?

### Questions for Reflection



- How do you feel when someone knocks on your door and you're not sure who it is?
- What do you do to welcome newcomers to your church?
- Describe the best welcome you have ever received in someone's home.

### Live your faith

Make an effort to engage someone new in conversation, remembering that you are God's representative to them.

### A personal prayer

Lord, thank you for all the welcomes I receive.  
Help me always to be welcoming.  
Amen

Name .....

## Matthew 10.40-42

Jesus wants us to welcome everyone as we would welcome him.



## Family time

**Talk** Sometimes we get an unexpected knock on the door. How do we react when it's someone we don't know?

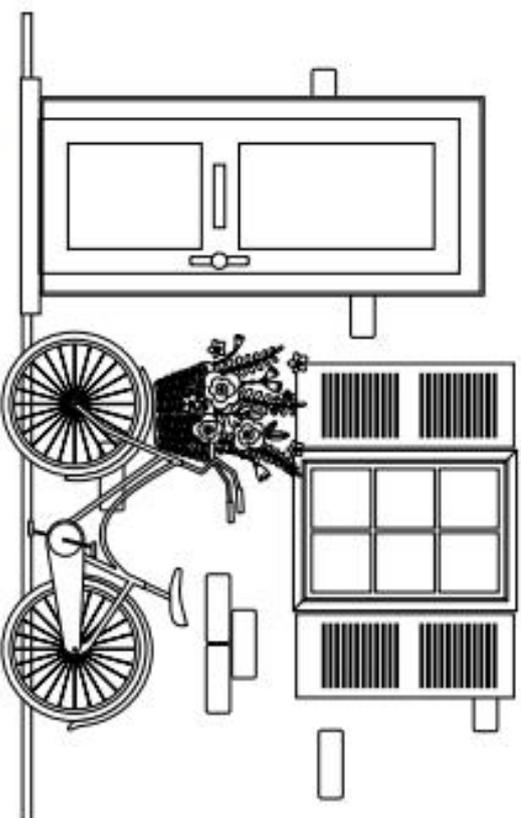
**Do** Plan a tea party and invite some people from your church that you do not know very well.

**Pray** Every time there is a knock on your door this week, pray for the person who is on the other side and pray that God will help you make them feel welcome.

## Activity time



How we welcome someone is very important. Can you make this front door look really welcoming?



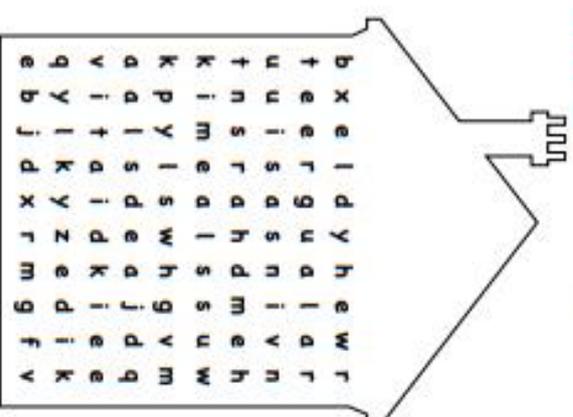
If Jesus came to your house today, how would you make him feel welcome? Write what you could do or say.

what I could do...

what I could say...



Can you find the 'welcoming' words in the word search?



- drink
- greet
- handshake
- hug
- kiss
- meal
- play
- share
- smile
- wave

# ROOTS children's Sheet

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