

until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the south door.

**This joyful Eastertide
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.**

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.**

**Death's flood hath lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.**

Reflection after Mass:

The bread we have received is one bread, though many grains of wheat. The wine we drink is the one wine, though made of many grapes. The people of God, many and varied, are one body, the body of those who believe in the good news of the Lord, who hope in his promises and live in his joy. The joy of the believers is one joy, caused by the love and care of man, one for another, and the resurrection of Jesus. May the sharing of this one bread be a sharing of joy, and an encouragement to live in the love of the Lord and create in our world the friendship that is his command.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY: 9:30am 11:15am <i>Intention:</i>	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PARISH MASS at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i> * Family Mass at <i>All Saints</i> * <i>The Parish</i>
Tuesday 10:30am <i>Intention:</i>	Rogation Day Mass at <i>All Saints</i> <i>For God's blessing on the land & a fruitful harvest</i>
Wednesday 6:00pm 6:45pm <i>Intention:</i>	Rogation Day Mass at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i> Rector available in the Parish Hall for the arrangement of the Occasional Offices and other Parish Business <i>For Farmers and Farm-Labourers</i>
Friday 12:00noon <i>Intention:</i>	St Matthias, Apostle The Regina Caeli & Mass at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i> <i>Those chosen to be Bishops in the Church</i>
Next Sunday: 9:30am 11:15am <i>Intention:</i>	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD PARISH MASS at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i> Family Mass at <i>All Saints</i> * <i>The Parish</i>

PARISH NOTICES

During the Current Works at St Mary & St Giles: On Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm the Rector is available for Parish Business in the Parish Hall. The PCC, when funds permit, wishes to complete the desk work to the east wall of the Parish Office; comprising two taller units for the parish photocopier - with paper kept above it - and the handbells trolley to be stored. The Parish Office will then gradually become the office from which Parish Administration takes place.

Lent Boxes: If you haven't returned yours yet please do so by the end of this month. Thank you.

Ascension Day: for this year only will be transferred, as is permitted, to the Sunday following.

Post June 21st: If, as anticipated, the restrictions are eased fully on this date then from the Sunday following I hope that we can return to a full celebration as is our custom. However, at present we have little indication of what, if any stipulations will remain in place, and some of our regular worshippers will, understandably wish to remain cautious for a while after that date. I would, therefore, be interested to hear from those who might like an area of seating to be retained so that they can be seated safely distanced.

Omnia Christus est nobis!

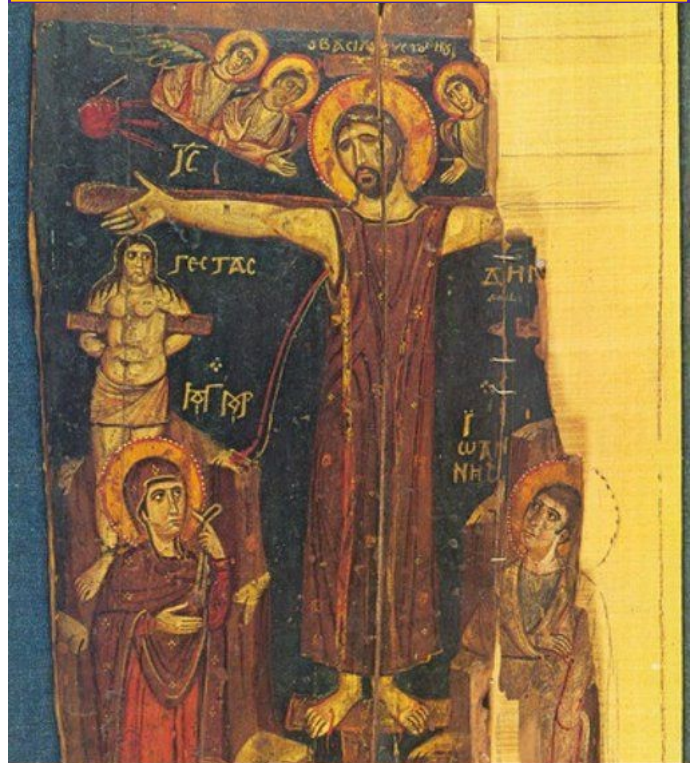
To us Christ is all!



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

9th May AD 2021



**NO ONE HAS GREATER
LOVE THAN THIS**

Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

Let us have faith and be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove our love by loving others. By doing this we are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and we then on the right path to be assured the place in heaven which Christ has won for us..



INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - brief social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a small choir and Organ Music played - a recessional hymn may be sung within in the churchyard.
- ◆ **Collections:** Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ **'The Peace'** may not be shared physically. We may however join our own hands and bow to each other at The Peace, whilst saying the customary greeting.
- ◆ **When going forward to receive Holy Communion** - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ **'Receiving Holy Communion'** is in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands - not on the tongue.
- ◆ **Please maintain a two metre distance** from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ **Lavatory Facilities.** Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there is a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that we are able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

Reflection before Mass: Our Christian life must bear visible fruit: this is one of the themes of today's Mass. The Christian's friendship with God is evident in his love for his fellow-man. The joy of a Christian is not complete while the world is not a world of love. Wherever the Christian finds hate, greed, bitterness and prejudice, his call from the Lord is to spread the gospel of love there.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'Mediaeval Rondeau' - John Riley

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND; and the priest and ministers enter the Sanctuary the Cantor sings the **Antiphon:**

With a voice of singing * declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, "The Lord hath saved his people," alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. O be joyful in God all ye lands * make his praise to be glorious.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost * as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.

- 1 I have made a covenant with my chosen *
I have sworn unto David my servant.
- 2 Thy seed will I establish for ever *
and build up thy throne to all generations.
- 3 I have found David, my servant *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 4 My faithful ness and mercy shall be with him *
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'After a Dream' - Gabriel Faure

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Prayer after Communion (STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed.

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then pray:

**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.**

(STAND) THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ., alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

THE REGINA CAELI

Traditionally in the morning, at noon, and in the evening in memory of the Resurrection of the Son of God, the faithful say the following prayers, during Eastertide:

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R/. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world. Grant that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: 'Fugue in G Minor' - Marcel Dupré

The Organist improvises a recessional voluntary and the congregation IMMEDIATELY leaves the Parish Church to sing the final hymn in the church yard.

However, should the weather be inclement, please remain seated

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

(STAND)

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

**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.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

*Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.*

*Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.*

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

The Communion Antiphon is sung by the Cantor and the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

I have summoned you from the world, that ye may go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit may remain, alleluia.

Penitential Rite

(STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

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.

The Kyries:

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis is said:

**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 Collect

Let us pray.

The Collect

O God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

(New Testament Page 109 in the Bibles) shows that it took Peter some time to realise that Christ's salvation was offered to Gentiles 'as well as Jews. The fact that the pagans received the Holy Spirit was a sign that God loved them too.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 98)

R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. ®

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. ®

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. ®

The Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-10

(New Testament Page 203 in the Bibles) John tells us that mutual love among Christians is a sign of their union with God. The proof of God's love for us is that he sent his Son to save us from our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If a man loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

John 15: 9-17

(New Testament Page 93 in the Bibles) tells us that all the commandments which relate to our relationship with other people can be summed up in one: Christians must love one another. The model of Christian love is Christ who gave his life for the salvation of mankind.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

(STAND)

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and 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 into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, Christ calls us friends and commands us to love one another. Therefore, let us pray in love for the Church, the world, and for all in need.

Intercessor: For the Holy Church of God, that by living the love of God, we may show the love of Christ to all people...

V/. Lord, in your mercy
R/. **Hear our prayer.**

For people of every nation, that they may fear God and live in righteousness and peace. For those who hold public office that they may be guided by God's grace.....

For our Parish and for the strengthening of our common life that, with Easter joy and hope, our love may overflow in deeds of mercy to those in need...

That the risen Lord may strengthen those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit... Malcolm, Shirley, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Adam Viard, Eric, Jasmine, Davida Wiseman...and for all those whom we have come here to pray for...

That the faithful departed may be granted an eternal home through saving power of the Cross, particularly we are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of...*all those who have died recently...* and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time...**9th** Jane West, Charles Siggers, Eric Steer (*priest*); **10th** Ann Smith, Rosa Clarke, Harriet Roberts, Mary West, Mary Kirk, Charles Norgate, Neneh Bidwell; **11th** Ruby Foskett; **12th** Robert Webb, Evelyn Rayner; **13th** Mollie Jones, Sylvia Lovesey; **15th** Brian Williams, John Spencer... *and all* the faithful departed....

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: Father, receive these prayers with that same love with which you sent your Son to the sacrifice who takes away our sins. We this through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar, as the Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:***

O ye peoples * praise our God, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip; praised be the Lord, who hath not cast out my fervent prayer, nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia.

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond:
Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Offerings:

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**