

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God;
give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that earth may filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind--
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time--
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world:
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
to set their captives free,
that earth may filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blessed the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Do feel free to join us for tea or coffee afterwards. A priest will be available should you wish to speak with one.

Reflection after Mass:

Jesus was amazed and saddened as his neighbours and relatives rejected him. He did not try to stop them. Following him is a free choice. It knows no other compulsion than love. He once even asked his closest disciples 'Do you also wish to go away?' We are asked the same question each day. Like Peter, we answer, 'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the word of eternal life.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY:	THE 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30am	PARISH MASS at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i>
11:15am	Family Mass at <i>All Saints</i>
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>The Parish</i>
Tuesday	St Margaret of Antioch, Martyr
10:30am	Mass at <i>All Saints</i>
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For courage in our witness to Christ</i>
Wednesday	Feria
6:00pm	Mass at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i>
6:45pm	Rector available in the Parish Office to arrange the Occasional Offices & Parish Business
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For our Local Charities</i>
Thursday	St Mary Magdalene
6:45pm	Handbell Ringing Practice at <i>All Saints</i>
7:30pm	The Band - Practice at <i>All Saints</i>
<i>Please pray for:</i>	<i>For the Lay Apostolate of Women.</i>
Next Sunday:	THE 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30am	PARISH MASS at <i>St Mary & St Giles</i>
11:15am	Family Mass at <i>All Saints</i>
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>The Parish</i>

Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



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

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

18th July AD 2021



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)



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.
- ◆ '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.
- ◆ As from tomorrow full **communal singing** will be permitted once more 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 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 one 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:

We who are Jesus' disciples today are also sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wants his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Voluntary before Mass: 'Andante' - Fiocco

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

Behold, God is my helper * and the Lord is with them that uphold my soul; turn back the evil upon mine enemies, in thy faithfulness, destroy them, my protector, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God for thy name's sake * and avenge me in thy strength.

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.

Penitential Rite

(STAND)

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour**

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.

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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.**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; 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. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANGELUS

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

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;
R/. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R/. **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Voluntary: *this week Jonathan will rehearse with us a new hymn, 'In Magdalene Nomine,' written for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene - who, of course, historically is a Patron Saint of our Parish. Please see separate sheet. Next Sunday we shall sing it in its entirety, as we return to a full sung Mass. After this rehearsal we STAND to sing:*

ful 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.

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 priest receives Holy Communion, sanitises his hands and then as the Cantor sings the **Communion Antiphon** the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Thou shalt be pleased * with the sacrifice of righteousness, oblations, and holocausts, upon thy altar, O my Lord.

1. Create in me a clean heart, God *
and renew a right spirit within me.
2. Cast me not away from thy presence *
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
3. Restore to me the joy of salvation *
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
4. O Lord open thou my lips *
and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion:
'Prelude' - Richard Shephard**

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.

**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.**

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 Kyrie eleison: is sung by Year 3 of the School Choir

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Jeremiah 23: 1-6

(Old Testament Page 653 in the Bibles) The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 23)

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. ®

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ®

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ®

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ®

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 13-18

(New Testament Page 162 in the Bibles) God has made two into one.

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Mark 6: 30-34

(New Testament Page 35 in the Bibles) They were like sheep without a shepherd

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 Nicene Creed

(STAND)

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 men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow during the next three lines)*

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, Christ is our Good Shepherd, let us pray that his heart will fill the lives of all those in this earth...

Intercessor: That the Bishops of the Church will never let the flock be scattered, but gathered in unity....

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

That all world leaders may strive for harmony and justice, for peace and reconciliation....

For the teachers of our children and grandchildren, that they may impart knowledge and truth with conviction and responsibility....

For all those who are sick at this time that they may know the presence of the Good Shepherd to who tenderly cares for them; especially we are asked to pray for...Paul, Malcolm, Christel, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Nina May, Sr Janet, Adam Viard, Jake & Davida Wiseman...that they know the redeeming love of Christ...

For those who have died, especially...Margaret Barker, Freda Douglas... *and for those whose anniversaries of death occur this week...***17th** Ann Bull, Harriet Bates, Edith Taylor, Douglas Baker; Gren Wiseman; **18th** Alice Read, Mary Church; **19th** Romeo Zani; **20th** John Herbert, Michael Pit-tam, Lilian Poynter, Cynthia Baker, Percy Saunders; **21st** Martin Vincent, Nellie Tovey; **22nd**, Eric Todd; **23rd** Mollie Coombs; **24th** Sister Celia... may they join Christ in the glory of his kingdom...

✠ Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: God our Father, hear the prayers of your people, gathered at the banquet you have prepared, ready to offer the sacrifice of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart - and far sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, moreover thy servant is taught well by them.

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:

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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.

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faith-