

The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton
Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities



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The Ten Commandments

**with Rev DAVID PAYNE &
Reader Roy Pinnock**

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St James the Apostle, Pulloxhill**

Words of Welcome and Opening Prayers

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All: giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All: let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord

All: and we shall praise your name.

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: O Worship the King

1. O worship the King
all glorious above:
O gratefully sing
his power and his love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

3. This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power
hath founded of old:
hath established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

4. Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust,
and feeble as f
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail:
thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend.

6. O measureless might,
ineffable love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy humble creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Bible Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Read by Simon Stranks

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down
to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the

iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Address – Reader Roy Pinnock

Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Intercessions led by Jo Payne
(based on intercessions by Christine Longhurst)

Liberating God, in love You have set us free:
free from slavery to sin and self;
free to know and love You;
free to follow and serve You.

We praise You for Your faithful love to us,
and for the many ways You have shown us that love.
We see Your love in the natural world around us –
in the sky, the trees, and the rivers.
We see Your love in the gift of Your commandments –
the pattern for living that guides us into a right relationship with You
and the people around us.
We see Your love in Jesus Christ
who lived and died and rose victoriously from the dead
to bring us life.

Because we have experienced Your love
we come before You with confidence,
bringing to You our needs and the needs of the world.

God in Your unfailing love,
All: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who find themselves involved in crime,
whether by choice, coercion or desperation;

God in Your unfailing love,
All: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our homes and families:
for parents and carers juggling the responsibilities of family life;
for children chafing under parental authority or expectation.
We thank you for the gift of marriage
and ask that you protect couples from the temptations
that try to pull them apart.

God in Your unfailing love,
All: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many people in our world who do not know You:
for those searching for purpose and meaning in their life,
who haven't yet experienced the new life that comes
from trusting in Christ Jesus.

God in Your unfailing love,
All: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God,
Give us strength and courage to keep Your commandments;
to live in faithful obedience to Your will.
Guard our hearts and minds from all that might distract us
from living a life committed to You.
Help us to love other people unconditionally
in the way that You love us.

God in Your unfailing love,
All: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

All: **Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your Name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Final Prayers & Blessing

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service.
and live this day in love of one another and of you.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest and remain upon you this day,
every day and for ever more. **Amen.**

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

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Please remember in your prayers Those who have recently
this week: died, including



Jean Bird,
Brian Finney,
Bill Firth,
Gerald & Kathleen Jones,
James Kerr,
Bridget Martin,
Martins Ogunbuyi,
Raymond Wells

Those who are ill, including

Des Brazier,
Kara De Napoli
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),
Stella Lawton,
Sally & Andy Metianu,
Sue Olney,
Bill Powers,
Joan Preston

and their families and
friends who mourn them

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks -great-grandson of Anne Stiles
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

#LIVE LENT



God's Story
Our Story

Until Easter Day on 4 April we will be publishing a daily Family Lenten Activities from the Church of England on the Virtual Vicar web page and our Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThreeChurchesUBSFP>

<https://www.facebook.com/flittonchurch>

There will also be information about how to access daily reflections for Lent, etc.



Mothering Sunday – 14 March – An All Age Service

**A THANK YOU card to colour in
'A Recipe for My Mum' craft sheet**

Downloadable pdfs available on the Virtual Vicar webpage www.3churches.uk/thevirtualvicar/

(If you don't have a printer and would like a pack, please email virtualvicar@3churches.uk)

Daily HOPE - A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers – 0800 804 8044

If you would like to be part of one of our services by either reading from the Bible or leading our prayers, please contact Rev Payne on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk

If you have a few minutes, please let take the time to answer a few questions which will help us to plan future services:

<https://3churches.uk/feedback-on-recorded-services/>

Don't forget TEA at THREE - ZOOM time together every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm – everybody welcome. A chance to catch up with others, laugh, moan, get things off your chest. .

It's the same code every week, so if you joined us last week you can use the same code this week. Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk for the ZOOM access code



The Church of England has produced a booklet of prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak.

If you would like a **FREE copy**, please contact Rev. David Payne:
Tel: 01525 864858 Email: vicar@3churches.uk

Alternatively, you can download the booklet from tinyurl.com/prayers-coronavirus