

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



**Sunday 21 March 2021**  
**with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

**Recorded at**  
**St James the Apostle, Pulloxhill**

**Words of Welcome and Opening Prayers**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**All: Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**All: O praise the name of the Lord!**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory:  
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.**

**Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

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| <p><b>1</b> Dear Lord and Father of Mankind<br/>forgive our foolish ways!<br/>Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,<br/>in purer lives thy service find,<br/>in deeper rev'rence praise,<br/>in deeper rev'rence praise.</p>          | <p><b>2</b> In simple trust like theirs who heard,<br/>beside the Syrian sea,<br/>the gracious calling of the Lord,<br/>let us, like them, without a word,<br/>rise up and follow thee,<br/>rise up and follow thee.</p>                           |
| <p><b>3</b> Drop thy still dews of quietness,<br/>till all our strivings cease;<br/>take from our souls the strain and stress,<br/>and let our ordered lives confess<br/>the beauty of thy peace,<br/>the beauty of thy peace.</p> | <p><b>4</b> Breathe through the heats of our desire<br/>thy coolness and thy balm;<br/>let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;<br/>speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,<br/>O still small voice of calm!<br/>O still small voice of calm!</p> |

## Prayers of Penitence

'No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, "Know the Lord,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,'  
declares the Lord.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.'

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Bible Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*Read by John Parks*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*New Revised Standard Version*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Address

## Affirming Our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Hymn: Here is Love

1 Here is love vast as the ocean,  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

2 On the Mount of Crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Flowed incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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flowed incessant from above  
Heavens peace and perfect justice,  
kissed a guilty world in love

## Intercessions – led by Martyn Gates

*Bidding: Lord, hear us.*

*Response: Lord, graciously hear us.*

You are our God and we are your people.

We give thanks that you established a new covenant through your Son  
and that you gave us a second chance of redemption and salvation.

May we see things anew in re-establishing our relationship with you,  
so that we may glimpse your divine splendour  
in the Lenten journey and the promise of Easter.  
Help us not to shirk our responsibilities for making this  
relationship work, in our hearts and in our lives, merciful God.

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

May your Church shine a light into your mystery, Lord,  
and challenge us to deepen our understanding of you.  
Bring forward men and women to test their vocation for ministry in its many forms  
and may children and parents see the merits of baptism in the family of this church.  
Let your Holy Spirit inspire your ministers in their sacrament and word  
and empower them in their practical work.

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Look down on your world with compassion, we pray,  
on the plenty: may we share it  
on the needs: may we meet them  
on the conflict: may we seek your peace  
on waste: may we do better  
on the beauty of nature: may we give thanks and protect it.

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord we pray for our world that you have given us:  
We ask that you will rid the world of Covid 19.  
We pray that people will heed the advice to prevent the spread of the virus.  
We ask for your protection for women from the evils of some men.  
We pray for the wisdom of those in positions of power.  
We pray for the time when all weapons of war will be turned to actions of peace.

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We ask that you show your compassion  
on all who are unwell, lonely and depressed,  
especially those suffering as result of the lockdown.  
In the silence we remember those known to ourselves  
and those of our Benefice listed on our service sheet.

Give them patience and hope as they struggle,  
and the will to get better  
with help of family, friends and neighbours.

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

May those who have died be at peace with you  
in your eternal kingdom, loving and faithful God.  
In the silence we remember those known to ourselves  
and those of our Benefice listed on our service sheet.

Comfort those who remain with fond memories  
and the support of those close to them.

Merciful Father,

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

## The Lord's Prayer:

**All: Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your Name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling  
and to bring you faultless and joyful  
before his glorious presence -  
to the only God our Saviour,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, might and authority,  
from all ages past, and now,  
and for ever and ever!

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you this Passiontide  
and for ever more. **Amen.**

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

Please remember in your  
prayers this week:



Those who have recently  
died, including

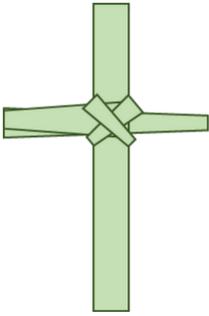
Brian Finney,  
Bill Firth,  
James Kerr,  
Bridget Martin,  
Jean Thompson,  
Raymond Wells

and their families and  
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

Des Brazier,  
Alice Butler,  
Kara De Napoli  
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),  
Stella Lawton,  
Sally Metianu,  
Bill Powers,  
Joan Preston  
Penny Stabler

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



If you would like a Palm Cross for Palm Sunday, please contact your local Churchwarden or Reverend David.

Contact details are at the end of this Order of Service



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You are invited to join Chris Nixon and others for Zoom prayers twice a week - Mondays @ 21:00 and Thursdays @ 09:00

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 751 6974 2287 Passcode: hf7e1x

'Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle, and all of this because we need to spend time with our 'Father in heaven'

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#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.

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**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](mailto:vicar@3churches.uk) for the ZOOM access code

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

0800 804 8044

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

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

## **Forthcoming Services for Easter**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday - Flitton 10.00am**

A short outdoor service to mark the beginning of Holy Week, held by the three crosses erected in Flitton Churchyard. Palm crosses will be distributed and made available for those who would like one.

*A video service for Palm Sunday will also be made available on the Virtual Vicar page of the Benefice website.*

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Maundy Thursday - Silsoe 10.00am**

A traditional communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, marking the events of the Last Supper. Places will be limited, please advise the Churchwardens if you would like to attend.

*The service will be recorded and made available on the Virtual Vicar page of the benefice website for viewing at 7.30pm.*

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday**

*A recorded service featuring the story of Good Friday as told in the stations of the cross and filmed on location in the Benefice will be available on the benefice website.*

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Eve - Flitton 6.00pm**

A brief Vigil Service reflecting on the Easter message and admiring the transformed cross in Flitton churchyard with its decoration of flowers of all kinds.

### **\* Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

#### **Pulloxhill 7.30am**

First Communion of Easter – an outdoor service in the churchyard with its sweeping view to the hills.

#### **Silsoe 9.30am**

Easter Communion to greet the risen Christ

#### **Flitton 11.00am**

Easter Communion at Flitton to celebrate resurrection hope.

*Video material for Easter Day will be available on the benefice website.*

\*If you are intending to come to any of the Easter Day Services please can you let one of the Churchwardens know:

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Reverend David Payne: 01525 864858 [vicar@3churches.uk](mailto:vicar@3churches.uk)

All of these are subject to change at short notice depending on lockdown.

Please check the Benefice website for up-to-date information.

<https://3churches.uk/benefice-services/>