

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



Sunday 9 May 2021

**Sunday Worship
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

Recorded in Pulloxhill & Malden

Greeting & Opening Sentences

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God:

All: Let us love one another.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

All: Let us love one another.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

All: Let us love one another.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All: Let us love one another.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

All: Let us love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is perfected in us.

All: Let us love one another.

Collect for Today

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Hymn: A New Commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

*A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another
You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

I am the true vine,
my Father is the gardener.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
True love is patient,
not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us
in that, whilst we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: John 15:9-17

Read by Margaret Butt

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be.
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Prayers led by Rev Payne

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing`

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
and may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be yours and remain yours
this day, every day and for ever more. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Please remember in your
prayers this week:



Those who have recently
died, 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
Malcolm Smith

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Ascension Day – Thursday 13 May, 7:30pm United Benefice Holy Communion at Pulloxhill Church

Sunday 16 May

9:30 am Holy Communion in Silsoe Church led by Rev David Payne

11:00 am Morning Worship in Flitton Church led by Gillian Kern

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Virtual Vicar: Sunday Worship

A green rectangular graphic with a white border. On the left is a white icon of a house with a cross on its roof. In the center, there is text about a Zoom Bible Book Group. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a computer monitor showing four people in a video call, and an open book with 'HOLY BIBLE' written on its pages.

ZOOM BIBLE BOOK GROUP

We are about to start a new study on Monday 10 May.
This one will be on the Psalms
and is a study written by people in the Diocese of St. Edmonsbury.

We meet at 7:30pm on Mondays via Zoom and aim to finish by 9pm

This group is open to anyone who would like to join in.
Please contact Liz Coulson on liz.coulson@btinternet.com for more information
or to be added to the Zoom invitation.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Pulloxhill – 16 May in church following the 11:00 am service



TEA at THREE on Sunday 9 May

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. Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk for the ZOOM access code

Christian Aid Week 10 – 16 May



The climate crisis is having a devastating impact on communities in Kenya. Right now families struggle to survive without a reliable water source. Every day, they walk further, dig deeper and build stronger to survive. Unrelenting. Determined.

Join us this Christian Aid Week as we stand together with those on the front lines to battle coronavirus and fight for climate justice.

Pulloxhill – The collection from the service on 16 May will be donated to Christian Aid

Silsoe & Flitton have set up donation pages where you may make an online donation:

Flitton - <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-john-flitton>

Silsoe - <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/silsoechristianaidgroup>

Would you like to take part in a Sunday Service?

Maybe you could read from the Bible or lead our prayers

Would you like us to record a Sunday Service in your garden?

Maybe you could suggest a location where we could record

If you would like to take part or you have somewhere we could record, please contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk