

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



Sunday 13 June 2021

**Worship for the
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

**Recorded
in Silsoe**

Greeting & Opening Prayers

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
All: let us worship him together.

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the Kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord and friend. **Amen**

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened instead of despair.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Prayers of Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

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: Mark 4:26-34

Read by Ann Swain

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make their nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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: Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Intercessions

Bidding: Father, by your Spirit

Response: ***bring in your kingdom.***

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.
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 & Dismissal

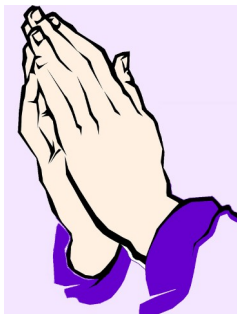
May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, our only saviour.

and the blessing of God almighty
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be yours and remain yours
now and forever 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, including

*Bruce Cockburn,
Lola Loveridge*

and their families and
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

*Des Brazier,
Alice Butler,
Kay Chambers,
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 SUNDAY 20 JUNE

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

11:00am - Holy Communion at Pulloxhill Church led by Rev Anna Garvie with sermon by Reader Gillian Kern

11:00am – Morning Worship at Flitton Church led by Rev David Payne & Margaret Butt

Virtual Vicar – Sunday Service

Up for Discussion?

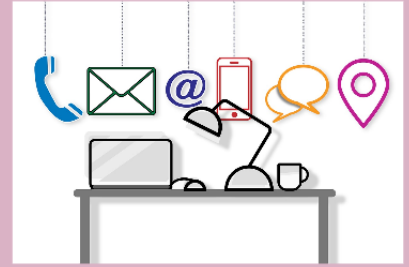
Please join us for an open forum on **Communication**
on **Thursday June 17th at 7.30pm**

You are warmly invited to have your say
on an important aspect of the life and work of our church
- how we share news and information with ourselves and with others.

The aim of the meetings is quite simply to find out what people
think about this topic as we plan & prepare to emerge
from lockdown and resume church life
and resume church life.

We're not looking to solve problems or make plans on the night,
but to help gather together the information,
opinions and resources that will help our Church Councils
shape and develop something constructive.

The meeting will be held by Zoom -
please contact Rev David Payne if you would like the joining details.
If you're fed up with Zoom, or don't use it,
then you can still have your say
- stop him in the street, ring 01525 864858 or
email your thoughts to vicar@3churches.uk



It was good while it lasted

but we have decided to discontinue Tea@3,
our virtual Sunday afternoon get together
now that lockdown restrictions are easing
and social interaction is slowly returning.

Over the time we ran it, something like 30
people dropped in at one time or another,
to chat over matters serious and light-hearted,
and to share the company of others they would
have missed, particularly in the isolation
of the winter months.

Rev David is immensely grateful to everyone
who supported this strange but heart warming
get together and is very much
enjoying meeting many of its participants for real!



Join Chris Nixon and others for **20 minutes of prayer** via Zoom, twice a week:
Mondays @ 21:00 hrs and Thursdays @ 09:00 hrs

All are welcome

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

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
FLITTON

SUMMER SALE

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE

10.30 — 12.30

Refreshments, Plants, Cake stall, Raffle,
Bric-a-brac, Jigsaws & books

If you are local and would like to run a crafty stall for
£10 (limited places), please email Margaret at
mkatebutt@yahoo.co.uk