

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



Sunday 27 June 2021

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

**Recorded in the Churchyard at Pulloxhill
and at Silsoe Vicarage**

Greeting & Opening Prayers

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All: Come let us worship him.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: the Lord's name is to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All: O praise the name of the Lord!

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: From the Deepest Places Hear My Cry

1 From the deep places, hear my cry,
those hidden depths of guilt within:
O God of mercy, God Most High,
keep no account of all my sin.

3 O Lord, in whom all needs are met,
draw near in love to me, I pray,
for on your word my hopes are set,
as watchmen wait for coming day.

2 Before your glory none can stand,
no mortal eye behold your face:
extend to me your kingly hand,
the sovereign touch of saving grace.

4 As watchmen wait till dawn appears,
so God's redeeming love is shown;
to shed, unfailing through the years,
the dew of blessing on his own.

Prayers of Penitence

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.**

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: Mark 5:21-43

Read by Jo Payne

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the

synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

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Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement giv'n.

3 There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Intercessions led by Jo Payne

Come Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that we may be in tune with your will;
in harmony with one another;
and at peace in our hearts and minds.

Lord of life,
you raised Jairus' daughter from the clutches of death.
Fill your church with new life to proclaim your wonders.

We pray for those being ordained as deacons and priests in St Albans Diocese this Petertide
Kirsty, Laura, Simon, Ashish, Jenna, Kate, Mark, Charlie, Philip, Paul, Corniel, James, Nicolette
Kathryn, Vanessa, Rachel, Martha, Luke, Phillipa, Rachel, Marcus, Sarah, Miranda, Rachel, Carrie
and Rachel.

And we pray for all your people worshipping via this video.
Remove the fear that blocks our trust in you
and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that we will be:

- hearers and doers of your Word
- ministers of all people
- friends of the poor
- voices for the voiceless
- and servants of our Lord Jesus.

Lord of life,
the leader Jairus begged for your help:
Be with all who carry the burden of government,
whether nationally or locally:
Grant a sufficiency of wisdom to those in authority,
and courage to apply your wisdom with truth,
clarity of purpose and compassion.
Let not extremes of party political principles
blind those who govern, or motivate those who oppose,
lest we cease to honour one another
and have no common good to seek.
Turn our longings into zeal for your Kingdom.

Lord of life,
your generosity brings riches beyond measure.
Grant that we, as members of your church,
gather and give money with wisdom, simplicity, generosity and care.
Help us to be good stewards of the fruits of your creation
and of all the labours of humankind.
Help us in our control and influence of Nature
not to set profit before providence,
nor to neglect need by being greedy.
Expand our horizons so we enable society to function effectively,
And make us mindful of the consequences of our actions.

Lord of life,
some people cry out for your healing touch in secret and shame –
Pour out your compassion on them.
Some people are seen as untouchable and are misunderstood:
rejected and feared by others.
Restore the dignity and self-worth of all who come to you.
Comfort those who live with mental illness,
for those who are broken-hearted and the broken in spirit -
May we be a light in the darkness to them.
Give us greater sensitivity and perception
so that we may be agents of your loving concern.

Lord of life,
you stretched out your hand and restored Jairus' daughter to life.
We ask you to embrace those whose hearts overflow with grief,

unanswered questions and a sense of loss.
Hold them close each day
and may their spirits be lifted;
their hearts filled with peace
and may your light fill them with joy and hope.

Merciful Father,
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

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

and the blessing of God almighty
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest and remain upon you
this day and forever more. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Sources for the intercessions include:

- *Ted Burge: Lord of all, hear our prayer (1999)*
- *Ian Black: Intercessions for years A, B and C (2009)*
- *David J Wilson: lifesonebigadventure.wordpress.com*
- *John Birth: faithandworship.com*

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Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who have recently
died, including

Bruce Cockburn,

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),

Foster Holt,

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 4 JULY

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

11:00am – Holy Communion at Pulloxhill Church led by Rev Anne Barker

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

Virtual Vicar – No new recorded service

Can you help Pulloxhill PCC? Are you interested in Safeguarding?



Pulloxhill PCC are seeking someone to take on the role of **Parish Safeguarding Officer**. You do not have to be a PCC member to take on this role, but would need to report to the PCC and at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This role covers work to safeguard vulnerable adults & children.

If you think you can help, please contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk or the Pulloxhill PCC Secretary Liz Coulson on 01525 712834 or liz.coulson@3churches.uk

Thank you

Can you help Silsoe PCC?



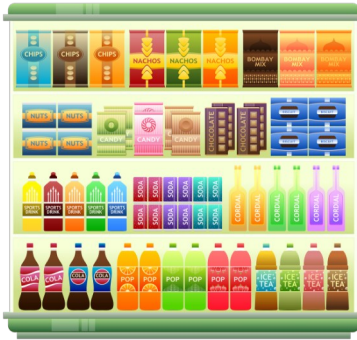
The cleaning rota for Silsoe Church has fallen by the wayside during the pandemic and Silsoe PCC. Now the Church being used for services and is likely to be open more Silsoe PCC is looking to put together a cleaning rota for Silsoe Church and for a volunteer to manage the operation and the rota.

Some of those involved before the pandemic are no longer able to help or have left the area or are not now available during the week so Silsoe PCC thought it best to start from scratch. The hope is to create teams of at least 2 people to dust the pews and Hoover the floor either on a Wednesday or a Thursday at a time convenient to the team.

If you are interested in joining this rota (or organising it) please would you contact Simon Stranks on simon.stranks@3churches.uk

Thank you

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FOOD BANKS

With the current Covid restrictions still in place, a significant number of families will continue to experience hardship and to continue to find it difficult to feed themselves.

Flitton Church has a box for non-perishable food donations in the Church Porch which is always open.

In Silsoe, non-perishable food donations are currently being gathered at 1 Bedford Avenue and 10 Yew Tree Close by 9 July for collection on 10 July. Contact Jill Liddle on 01525 860117 for further information or see Silsoe News.



Congratulations to **Carrie Steer** from Silsoe who was ordained as a Priest on 25 June at St Paul's Bedford.

Carrie is serving as a Self-Supporting Minister at Clifton and Southill and trained on the context based pathway at Eastern Region Ministry Course.