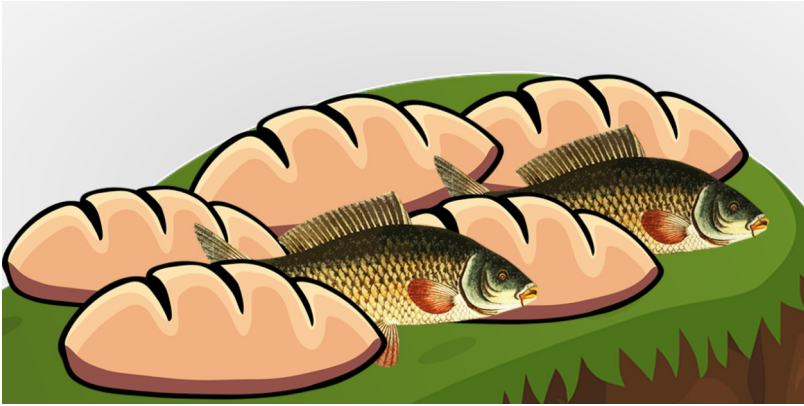


The Benefice of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe
Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities



Sunday 18 July 2021

**Sunday Worship
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

'The Feeding of the 5,000'

Recorded in Silsoe

Greeting & 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.**

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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Prayers of Penitence

God is ever to be praised.
So as we offer him our praise in prayer and song
and proclaim his loving mercy,
let us bring him our sins and failures 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.**

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 6:30-44
Read by Chris Nixon

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and the disciples took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

This is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Prayers

Bidding: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us

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.**

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 and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Ending & 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 each day in love of one another and of you.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be yours and remain yours,
now and for evermore. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who are ill, including

Those who have recently died, including

June Witney

and their families and friends who mourn them

*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

RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome

*Maverick Fulcher
and
Jude Lara*

who were baptised in Flitton Church in recent weeks.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 25 JULY

8:30am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Flitton Church led by Rev David Payne

9:30amam – Holy Communion at Silsoe Church led by Maggie Jeeves with a sermon by Rev David Payne

11:00am – Holy Communion – Patronal Festival - at Pulloxhill Church led by Rev David Payne with a sermon by Reader Gillian Kern.

Virtual Vicar – Sunday 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

