

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



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The Calling of Philip & Nathanael

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Words of Welcome

Opening Prayers

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you:
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole of creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn – I Come with Joy, a Child of God

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

5. Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world,
the love that makes us one.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

4. The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known:
alive and among us here.

Prayers of Penitence

Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;
give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises,
and restore by grace your own image within us
that we may take our place among your people
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins;
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: John 1: 43 - 51 (NIV)

Read by Gordon Garvie

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you get to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Address - Rev Anna Garvie

The Call - A Poem by Tom Gordon

The call comes in a feeling
a stirring;
an awareness;
a growing sense;
a persistent thought.
Oh, how I wish the call would be clearer than that.
So I'll wait for the call to come

The call comes in a whisper
a prompting;
a gentleness;
a consistency;
a constant awareness.
Oh, how I wish the call would be louder than that.
So I'll wait for the call to come

The call comes in a sign
a coincidence;
a surprise;
a connectedness;
a confirmation.
Oh, how I wish the call would be more understandable than that.
So I'll wait for the call to come.

The call comes in a word
a suggestion from a friend;
a phrase in a book;
a verse from the Bible;
a line from a song.
Oh, how I wish the call would be more distinct than that.
So I'll wait.

The call comes in a shout
a definite bidding;
a dominant force;
an inescapable roar;
a clear statement of intent.
Oh, I wish the call would be

And the call comes,
'Look!
I've been calling you for *ages*.
Aren't you listening?
What do you want?
Clarity?
Oh, come on!
I'm still waiting

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Prayers - Led by Churchwarden Simon Stranks

In the power of the spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father

O God the creator and preserver of all,
we pray for the people of the world in every kind of need,
we pray for all the people of the world who are displaced
from their homes by war and persecution.
We pray that the leaders of the world will be open to your word
and work together to reach resolution to the conflicts

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church,
guide and govern us by your good spirit that
all who profess and call themselves Christians
may be led into the way of truth
and hold faith in the unity of the spirit,
in the bond of peace and in the righteousness of life.

We pray that you will guide your church across the world
and we pray especially that you will bring this church strength
to move forward in faith to grow into your love and fellowship.

We pray for the leaders of the church across the world,
for our bishops Alan, Richard and Michael and Rev David Payne in this Benefice.
We pray that those in our communities will hear your word
through us and come to know your love.

Today we pray for all in the three parishes of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe
who have heard your calling faintly,
may they listen to your word
and find strength in your love to act upon it.
Help us all to live out your love in the community,
having the courage to go out and proclaim your love in the world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We commend to your fatherly goodness
all those who are in anyway afflicted or distressed,
in mind, body or soul.
Comfort and relieve them in their need,
give them patience in their suffering
and bring good out of all their afflictions.

We pray that you will bring your love and comfort
to the family and friends of those who are suffering.
Help them to be understanding.
We remember those in this community who are ill
or in need of your comfort and any that are known only to us.

At this time we pray for those affected by the coronavirus,
keep us good Lord under the shadow of your mercy
sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought down;
that we may find comfort knowing that nothing
can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those working on vaccines.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ,
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.
May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for sake of your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ**

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.**

Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me?

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

Final Prayers & Blessing



May the peace, the power and the presence of Christ who calls us all reign in your hearts, dwell in your homes and abide with all those whom you love.

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.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Church of England has produced a booklet of prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak.



If you would like a copy, please contact
Rev David Payne
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<https://tinyurl.com/prayers-coronavirus>

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