

Those who have recently be baptised come to the front to receive their certificate and for

The Welcome of those newly baptised

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

N (and N), by the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**



The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

THE DISMISSAL

All remain seated for

The Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All remain seated for

The Final Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia.

Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia!

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing until the choir and ministers have departed.



THE PARISH EUCHARIST

**on the Feast of
ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**with farewell to
The Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly**

**Sunday 1 November 2020
10.00am**

Welcome to St John's for worship today.

Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, or you are joining us virtually, you are most welcome!

If you are joining us virtually you might like to light a candle before the Service and place it on a table to remind you of the light of the risen Christ shining among us.

The posture directions in this Order of Service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.

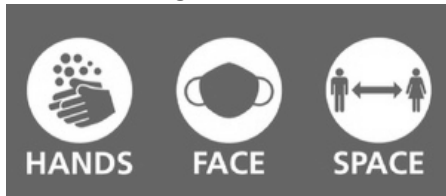
We greatly appreciate your ongoing support for the mission and ministry of this Parish. If your financial offering is physical please place it in the plate on your way into church - Giftaiding where possible. If you give via Direct Debit or the Parish Giving Scheme - thank you.

In faith and confidence we come today before the God of love in assurance of his forgiveness and ask for his blessing on our lives. We give thanks especially during this *Kingdom Season* for the whole household of God, both living and departed, and for our inheritance with the saints of God in his eternal Kingdom. And today, as we say a fond farewell to the Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly who begins her retirement from licenced parochial ministry, we give thanks to God for Ruth's ministry among us these past 2 years: for her wisdom, love, care, and support; for her insight and ability to share the Good News of Christ's coming Kingdom; and for her faithfulness in ministering to the peoples of this parish.

At the end of the Service a short presentation will be made.

Covid Secure measures

We are doing everything we can to keep you safe during these times. Please follow the direction of our sidespeople, use sanitiser on entry and exit, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing.



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All are welcome at the Lord's Table. During this pandemic Holy Communion is only administered in one kind - the Body of Christ. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople to enable everyone to move around the church safely. Please keep your face covering on whilst away from your seat, remove it when back in your place to consume the Blessed Sacrament, and then reapply it.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

The Anthem

Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.

*Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)
Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

All remain seated for

The Prayers after Communion

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us,
so we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Body of Christ.
Amen.

As the ministers receive Communion, a recording is played of our choir singing

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**



THE GATHERING

*A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.
Please stand as the minister enter.*

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Notices

Please sit for the Parish Notices, Banns of Marriage, and any other announcements.

A Hymn is played

Hark! the sound of holy voices,
chanting at the crystal sea,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord, to thee:
Multitude, which none can number,
like the stars in glory stands,
clothed in white apparel, holding
palms of victory in their hands.

They have come from tribulation,
and have washed their robes in blood,
washed them in the blood of Jesus;
tried they were, and firm they stood;
gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
gladly, Lord, with thee they died,
and by death to life immortal
they were born, and glorified.

Patriarch and holy prophet,
who prepared the way of Christ,
King, apostle, saint, confessor,
martyr and evangelist,
saintly maiden, godly matron,
widows who have watched to prayer,
joined in holy concert, singing
to the Lord of all, are there.

Now they reign in heavenly glory,
now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river,
holy bliss and infinite;
love and peace they taste for ever,
and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision
of the blessed Trinity.

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of Light, Emmanuel,
in whose body joined together
all the saints for ever dwell;
pour upon us of thy fullness,
that we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son and
God the Holy Ghost adore. Amen.

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All remain seated to say:

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

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.

All remain seated for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

So with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit for

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand for

The Peace

The President says these or similar words:

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace, by waving to each other.

All sit for

The Offertory Hymn

during which the Altar table is prepared.

O when the saints go marching in, O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O when the saints go marching in; O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
I want to be among the number I want to be among the number
O when the saints go marching in! O when they sing the Saviour's praise.

O when all knees bow at His name, O when the saints go marching in,
O when all knees bow at His name, O when the saints go marching in;
I want to be among the number I want to be among the number
O when all knees bow at His name. O when the saints go marching in!

The Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

All stand to give praise to God as we say:

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Following a moment of quiet, a special Prayer for the Day is said

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for

The Bible Readings

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 7: 9–end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the first letter of St John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1 St John 3: 1–3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

St Matthew 5: 1–12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

All sit after the opening prayer.

All stand to profess our faith in the Living God by saying

The Creed

**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.**