

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th May 2024

10:00am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Instructions are provided as to when you may wish to stand or remain seated, but if it is more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do so.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray quietly. Please switch off mobile telephones or put on silent.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and give assembly point details.

Toilet facilities are available towards the back of church.

Please join as for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.co.uk, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) We have decided not to allow people to intinct (dip) any consecrated wafers into wine. We will simply be offering the opportunity for those who wish to to drink from the chalice (communion cup) in the normal way. Please come up for communion as normal, receive the bread and return to your place if you do not wish to drink from the chalice.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please do come forward and hold your hands by your side, or carry a service sheet, to indicate this to the priest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Reverend Dawn Glen and the Preacher is Father Wayne Plimmer.

GATHERING

*All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** when announced*

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms 3
hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,**

**and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
The Son, and Him Who reigns
with Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

(HON 465)

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service, then all say the **PRAYER OF PREPARATION***

**All 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

A minister introduces the confession and then all pray in silence.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

*The Priest says the **ABSOLUTION**, proclaiming God's forgiveness and all respond
Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer using these words

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: *1 John 5.9-13*

Read by Rose Lucas

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

*All stand. During the **HYMN** please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to**

**He said: 'Freely, freely, you have
received**

**Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you
believe
Others will know that I live.'**

**All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name**

**And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me
to.**

**God gives us life in Jesus' name,
He lives in us in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.**
(HON 196)

GOSPEL *John 17.6-19*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Alleluia ...

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia...**

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON *Father Wayne Plimmer*

You may wish to stand for **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Ash Shaw*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces the Peace.
The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

(HON 324)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
 **Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and all respond

 ... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

The congregation sits and silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying

All Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

COMMUNION HYMN – Taizé

**In God alone my soul can find rest
and peace, in God my peace and joy.**

**Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest, and peace.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Remain seated for the Notices.

All stand for **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing for the Final Hymn. Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**Ye servants of God, your Master
proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful
Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus
extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules
over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we
have;
The great congregation His triumph
shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our
King.**

**“Salvation to God, who sits on the
throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels
proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship
the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give Him His
right,
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom and
might;
All honour and blessing with angels
above,
And thanks never-ceasing and
infinite love.**

(HON 744)

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayers: Please remember those who died recently, as well as all those who mourn. Please also keep those who are unwell, including Elizabeth Cooke, in your prayers.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 15th 10am Eucharist

Sunday 19th 8am Said Eucharist
 10am Sung Eucharist
 6:30pm Taizé Service

NOTICES

Security Notice: Responding to recent concerns, we have been reviewing security in church during services. Please make sure that you keep any valuables with you at all times and do not leave bags or other items unattended.

IF YOU ARE NEW to St John's or even if you have been attending for a little while, we would like to welcome you with coffee and cake on **Saturday 18th May between 10 am and midday**. This will be a chance to meet a few people informally, find out a little about the church, climb the bell tower (from the inside!), discover who's who, what we do and ask questions if you want. There is no need to book a place, just turn up. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Eco Corner: We're all going on a summer holiday!

Seeking the summer sun is a dream for many, but we're all more aware of our carbon footprint these days. If you do fly, you can look for short-haul destinations, and also offset your carbon emissions. A Rocha, who facilitate Eco Church, recommend this carbon calculator <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/>

Once you've made your calculation, you can choose one of their projects to make your donation.

Churchyard wildlife survey: Members of Beeston Wildlife Group kindly came recently to survey the natural environment and wildlife in the churchyard, with some participation from two members of the Eco Church group. Despite blustery, cold weather some things of interest were identified. We have now received a list of what was spotted, and will find a way to share this with the congregation soon. In the meantime, ask Jackie Laats, our churchwarden, if you'd like to see the complete list. We hope to build on this relationship with BWG, and thank them for giving their time and expertise in this way.

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a **special festal service** for our **Patronal Festival**, with joint choirs, on Sunday June 23rd, early evening. More details to follow.

SAVE (ANOTHER!) DATE! Beer and Hymns, Sat 29th June. Doors open 6pm, singing from 6.30pm 'til 9pm with a meal included. More information and where to buy tickets to follow.

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Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.



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