

St Peter & St Paul, Kettering



All Age Holy Eucharist

**The Feast of the Baptism of Christ
9th January, 2022**

Welcome to St Peter & St Paul this morning!

Whether you are here for the first time, or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us.

On this second Sunday of the month our worship is led by adults and children from our congregation.

You are warmly invited to join us in receiving Holy Communion, if you do so in another Christian church. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead, it would help if you are holding this booklet. Do please introduce yourself after the service.

Our services continue to be shaped by COVID precautions & requirements. Unless we are exempted we are required to wear face coverings and we ask you to keep them on throughout the service. There will be seats on either side of the south aisle for those who want to keep maintaining social distance from other households

A short reminder about receiving communion in these unusual times. Please wait until you are invited forward by a steward. Stand in front of the priest, stretch out your hands as usual to receive the wafer, but keep your mask on. The priest will not say individual words of administration to each communicant.

As you move away, lower your mask, consume the wafer, and then after replacing your mask, please sanitise your hands. We are continuing to offer communion in 'one kind' only, communion wafers but not yet wine.

The service will start with our first hymn.

Please take your service booklet away with you.

God bless you.

The Revd David Walsh
Rector

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Opening hymn

Please stand

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest can come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent doth thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr J Chandler (1806-1876)

The presiding priest greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:

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 presiding priest welcomes the people and introduces the service.

A minister introduces the prayers of penitence.

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The presiding priest declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the absolution.

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.**

*All sing the **Gloria.***

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,
receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high,
Who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heavenly host we glorify.

Edwin Le Grice (1911-92)

The presiding priest introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord. (3:15-17, 21-22)

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy

Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Revd David Walsh

Affirmation of Faith

The presiding priest addresses the whole congregation

We affirm our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Intercessions

We use the following response:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:

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

Community Slot

A conversation about areas of our ministry and mission.

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you.

Hymn

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise –
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father,
we are his children –
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Michael Saward (1932–2015)

The presiding priest concludes the offertory by saying

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
Amen.

*The presiding priest begins **the Eucharistic Prayer***

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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

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

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the gift of water
to sustain and renew us
and with it you offer us new life
through the gift of baptism.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

**Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come,
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day, when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Peter, Paul and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lord
Glory to the Lord God Almighty
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord
Glory to the Lord God Almighty
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.**

*The presiding priest introduces **the Lord's Prayer.***

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 presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The presiding priest invites the people to receive Communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord...

The body and blood of Christ, given for us all

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the guidance offered by wardens and stewards. Please receive the wafer in your hands whilst still wearing your mask, lower your mask to consume it, and then sanitise your hands once your mask is back in place.

During communion the choir will sing 'Litany to the Holy Spirit' by Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

All kneel for the post-communion prayers

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen**

Hymn

○ Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
not wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

○ let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

○ let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
○ speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
○ speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

○ Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
○ give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

The presiding priest blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those whose birthdays fall this week

9th January Calum Geary

In particular need this week:

Tony Bolton, Julie Rolfe, Marian Richardson,
Nicole Staniscia, Jane Wright

We continue to pray for:

Ruth Allan, Miranda Badger, Jean Bellamy, Philip Evans, Sue Fishlock,
Viv Christie, Mary Grech, Pam Hall, Karan Harris, Veronica Kennedy,
Amy Mace, Norman Oldham, Pauline Reynolds, Pat Rogers, Sue Shipham,
Stephen Short, Hilda Skinner, Barbara Southwell, Claire Spauwen, Chloe Stent,
Pat Swoboday, Gary Walker

For the recently departed:

Ade labrum, Thelma Walsh

Commemoration of the departed:

6 th January	Ian Henry Brown McLaren (2021)
9 th January	Graham Hulett (1990) Stewart Leckie (2002)
10 th January	Ashley Bellinger (1991)
11 th January	Hector Redvers Robert Diaper (1958) Gordon Charles Berwick (2009)
13 th January	Florence Briggs (1973) Simon James Thornton (1997)
15 th January	Muriel Sear (2002) Jack Kench (2009)

Prayer for the wider Church

Sun 9th January: The Porvoo Churches: Oulu, Soer-Hålogaland (Bodoe),
Diocese of Coventry

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Mon 10th January: Diocese of Jaffna, Church of South India

Tue 11th January: Deanery of Brackley

Diocese of Jalingo, Church of Nigeria

Wed 12th January: Astwick Vale Benefice: Aynho St Michael; Croughton All
Saints; Evenley St George; Farthinghoe St Michael & All Angels; Hinton-in-the-
Hedges The Most Holy Trinity; Steane St Peter (Rector Sue Cooper)

Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands

Thu 13th January: Brackley St Peter with St James (Vicar Rich Duncan)

Diocese of Jebba, Church of Nigeria

Fri 14th January: Diocesan Director of Children & Youth

(Canon Pete White)

Diocese of Jerusalem

Sat 15th January: Seoul Diocese: Incheon Sharing House Church

(Rev Timothy Kim)

Diocese of San Joaquin, Episcopal Church

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 10th

- 8.30 am. Morning Prayer <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637483339>
Meeting ID: 637 483 339. Password 025911
- 10.00 – 12.00. Tea's Up, Knees Up at St Michaels

Tuesday 11th

- 8.30 am. Morning Prayer. Details as for Monday.
- 5.00 – 6:15 pm. P&P Young Voices

Wednesday 12th

- 8.30 am. Morning Prayer
Note access details for this day only:
<https://zoom.us/j/92713142082?pwd=eUp2UGR2TnQrSkFHejZZRXZJUXFtQT09>
Meeting ID: 927 1314 2082; Passcode: 911025
- 9.15 am Staff meeting
- 10.00 – 11:30 Songs and Stories in the Parish Hall
- 11.00 – 2 pm St Peter and St Paul open for individual prayer
- 12:15 pm. Lunchtime Eucharist at St Peter and St Paul**
- 7.00 pm P & P Choir rehearsal

Thursday 13th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer. Details as for Monday.
- 4.00pm Soup Kitchen *in the Parish Hall*

Friday 14th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer. Details as for Monday.

Saturday 15th

- 3.00 – 4.20 pm Church Tech afternoon at St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 16th The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 9.00am Eucharist with hymns at St Michael's**
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist , at St Peter & St Paul's**

Readings next Sunday:
Isaiah 62.1-5, John 2:1-11