

# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



## Welcome to this Family Communion Service

### The Gathering

#### Welcome & Notices

A Father's Day tribute ... to all you Dad's, Daddy's, Papa's, Father's and Father- like figures ... thank you for all that you do for us ... enriching the lives of those in your care, striving to emulate our Father in Heaven, Yahweh - God.

#### Opening Prayer

O Lord, we enter into your steadfast love, asking that you will respond to our prayers;  
We trust in your abundant mercy and ask that you will come to us.  
O Lord, make your presence known to us;  
Draw near to us; redeem us, set us free;  
For we seek to be your faithful disciples.  
**Amen.**

Songs    *The Way ( New Horizon )* followed by ... *My Lighthouse*

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance

I believe that You are my fortress  
You are my portion  
You are my hiding place

I believe You are

The way the truth, the life  
and I believe You are

the way, the truth, the life  
and I believe

Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take

I believe that You are provider  
You are protector  
You are the one I love

I believe You are

The way the truth, the life  
I believe You are the way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And you meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And you meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I believe you are

The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And you meet me here today

With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when

I believe You are

The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are the way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are

Songwriters: Pat Barrett / Ben Smith / Daniel Bashta

### My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Chorus**

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Chorus**

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms  
x4

## **Chorus**

Songwriters: Gareth Gilkeson / Chris Llewellyn

### Summary of the law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: the first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandments greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### Confession

*After a period of reflection*

**We are sorry for the times we get our priorities wrong  
when we do not put you first;  
when we fail to see the needs of our neighbours;  
when we lack the courage and faithfulness of true disciples.**

**Grant us forgiveness;  
grant us perseverance;  
grant us vision;  
that we may serve you as you desire,  
and play our part in establishing your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### Collect

Faithful Creator,  
Whose mercy never fails:  
Deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



# The Liturgy of the Word

Pre- Reading Sketch ... performed by Margriet Wells

Reading Matthew 10. 24- 36 ... read to us by Jamie Brady

**24** 'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. **25** It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

**26** 'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. **28** Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. **30** And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

**32** 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

**34** 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – **36** a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

**37** 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Sermon. Natasha is opening God's Word for us today

Creed

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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.  
Amen.**

Intercessions ... prepared and read to us by Richard Beckingsale

Response: God hear us, **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Song            Great are you Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

you give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only  
(x2)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord  
(x3)

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
To You only  
(x2)

Songwriters: David Leonard / Jason Ingram / Leslie Jordan  
Led by Lindsey Mackie

### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever  
**Amen.**

### 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.  
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.

### 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 the one bread.**

### Giving of Communion

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*We are invited to make a spiritual communion with God who comes to meet us where we are. As we make our spiritual communion together please listen to **an instrumental version of Psalm 23.***

### Prayer after communion

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 Dismissal**

### Blessing Said, & Sung

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord our God  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Song      The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace  
(x2)

Amen, amen, amen  
(x2)

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace  
(x2)

Amen, amen, amen  
(x4)

May His favour be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children  
(x4)

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you  
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going, in your weeping and  
rejoicing

He is for you, He is for you  
(x5)

Amen, amen, amen  
(x2)

May His favour be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children  
May His presence go before you, and behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you He is with you, He is with you  
In the morning in the evening, in your coming and your going,

in your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you,  
Amen, amen, amen

He is for you, He is for you  
(x5)

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This version performed by 65 UK churches of all denominations

## Thank you for joining us today.

### Note

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## Going Deeper

### **Bible Notes: Matthew 10.16-39**

In this passage from Matthew, we see Jesus preparing his disciples for their mission. He warns them of the threats and challenges they are likely to face. They are called to go out and take on their mission completely reliant on God, in order that they might build up trust and relationship with him.

Jesus warns that following him will not be easy, but that God will always be with them. He tells them not to fear all these things, including death, as no one is powerful enough to destroy both body and soul. God values us enough to know how many hairs we have on our heads, and so will protect and keep us.

Being a disciple of Jesus doesn't mean that all our problems will vanish, but our challenge is to continue striving to be a disciple even through the hardship, knowing that Jesus will walk alongside us. We are valued by him and rewarded through relationship with him.

## Questions for Reflection



•How would you feel about facing a challenge like this?

•How would you finish the sentence 'When the going gets tough...'?

How can you support one another through the challenging realities of being a disciple of Jesus?

### A personal prayer

Praise God who made me.

Praise Jesus who has called me.

Praise the Spirit who empowers me.

Amen.

### Live your faith

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## Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus tells his disciples that being a disciple may involve suffering, but no matter how small, they are valued by God.



## Family time

**Talk** Why do people find it difficult to tell others that they go to church and believe in God?

**Do** Think about someone you'd like to tell about Jesus. Perhaps you could invite them to come to an event at church. If not, pray for them this week.

**Pray** As you brush or wash your hair this week, remind yourself that God knows how many hairs are on your head. So, even when things are tough, be thankful that he cares about you and is with you.

## Activity time



Draw a picture of yourself telling someone about Jesus.



Jesus told us not to be afraid when we face challenges. Can you help the boy through the challenges in the maze to reach his friends?

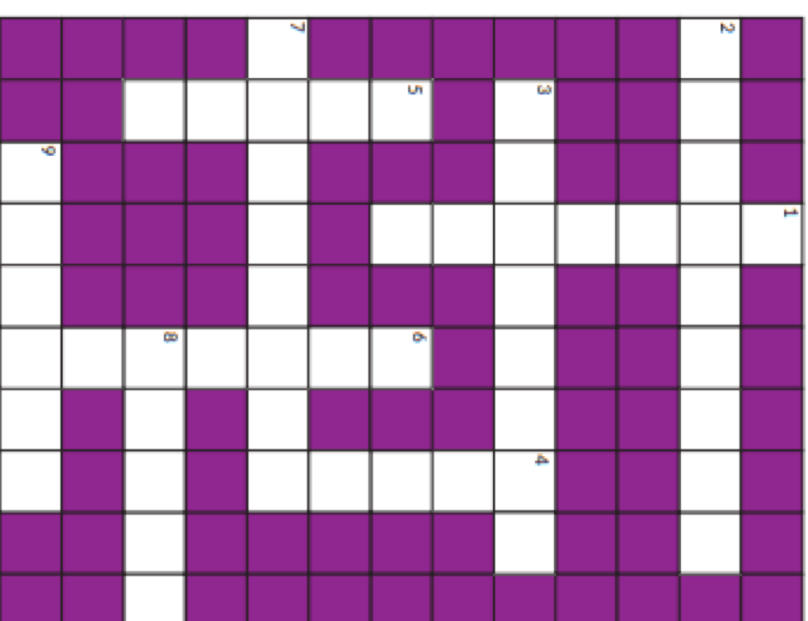


## ROOTS children's sheet

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Fill in the crossword answers using the clues below.



**Across**

2. To be left exposed
3. What the sky is full of at night
7. When two people disagree and argue there is...
8. A dove is a sign of this
9. Someone might ask you to keep this to yourself

**Down**

1. If you put a cloth over a cup, it is...
4. If someone can't hear you you might need to...
5. God... everything about you.
6. The opposite of speaking loudly, you might need to...