

# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



**5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**Who is Jesus? What is he about?**  
**Welcome to this All Age Family service**

Introductory music: Church (Take Me Back)

Sung by Cochren & Co. Songwriters: Bryan Fowler / Micah Kuiper / Michael Cochrane. Church (Take Me Back) lyrics  
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Welcome

Simon Edwards

Notice

Natasha Brady

Opening prayer: (A//)

We are here today, Lord, to worship you.  
As we come before you,  
we want to be amazed by your wisdom,  
bowled over by your love,  
and completely lost in you.  
Lord, open our hearts to receive you,  
in ways beyond whatever we could ever ask  
or even think.  
Amen.

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>16</sup> “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> “We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

### The Father Revealed in the Son

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

### Is Jesus the One?:

Simon Edwards

### Song: You Got This

Have you ever had one of those days  
When nothing really goes your way  
Then you see it wasn't meant to  
You get a new view, yeah, yeah  
Everybody has sleepless nights  
Lost in the worry, will I work out alright?  
Feels like I'm going crazy  
Stressed out praying, yeah, yeah

I know it's not a lot, know it's not a lot  
I give You all I got, give You all I got  
I know it's true, I can count on You

I don't know the way  
But You got this  
Give me the faith  
That You got this  
Even today  
You got this  
I know that I know that I know that You got this

Caught up in the same mistakes  
You catch my fall when I fall on my face  
Learning slowly, God You show me, yeah, yeah

There's a better way, there's a better way  
I give You everything, give You everything  
I know it's true, I can count on You

I don't know the way  
But You got this  
Give me the faith  
That You got this  
Even today  
You got this  
I know that I know that I know that You got this  
Yeah, You got this  
Give me the faith  
That You got this  
Even today  
You got this  
I know that I know that I know that You got this

Breathe in, breathe out  
Feels good to shout it out, shout it out  
Breathe in, breathe out  
Feels good to shout it out, shout it out

I don't know the way  
But You got this  
Give me the faith  
That You got this  
Even today  
You got this  
I know that I know that I know that You got this  
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Give me the faith  
I know that I know that I know that You got this  
Yeah  
I know that I know that I know that You got this

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What is Jesus about?:

Tina Edwards

Dear Lord, it doesn't always sink in (All)  
just who I am talking to when I come before you.  
I don't fully get it,  
that I'm in the presence of such a mighty God.

Please, Lord, forgive me for the times  
when my picture and understanding of you are far too small;  
when I try to fit you into that tiny box that I think I can cope with;  
when I'm frightened to let your power loose in my life.  
Forgive me, Lord, and make me whole.  
Amen.

Pause

Merciful father, I am sorry for the things I have thought, said and done, (All)  
which have hurt others and damaged me  
I lay these things before you now

Pause

Faithful friend, I thank you for always loving me, no matter how I behave (All)  
Thank you for forgiving me  
Help me to trust you always  
Amen

Prayers:

Prepared and led by Heather & Oliver McDowell

Lord's Prayer:

Led by Jeff Higgins

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.

Song: I Stand In Awe Of You

You are beautiful beyond description  
Too marvellous for words  
Too wonderful for comprehension  
Like nothing ever seen or heard

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description  
Majesty, enthroned above

And I stand, I stand in awe of You  
I stand, I stand in awe of You  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due  
I stand in awe of You

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Of you, of you

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His yoke is easy:

Tina Edwards

Song: I Belong

I see hope, coming on the horizon  
There's no need for hiding  
Cause I belong

Here I am  
In the presence of the Great I am  
Near to your heart oh God  
I have found my joy  
I've searched so long  
In darkness I have walked so far  
Fighting but I'm holding on  
When your love draws near

Hallelujah, I belong here  
In your presence safe and secure  
I see hope, coming on the horizon  
There's no need for hiding  
Cause I belong

I often fail  
But daily your love prevails  
Christ my peace within  
I will trust in you  
In your presence Lord  
Joys will overflow  
You are God and friend  
I am home again

Hallelujah, I belong here  
In your presence safe and secure  
I see hope, coming on the horizon  
There's no need for hiding  
Cause I belong

Oh how could this be true  
That I belong with you  
Oh what you went through  
To prove what love can do

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## Going Deeper

### Bible Notes: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

In Matthew's Gospel, we see Jesus mock those who are 'wise', as he suggests that their longing for wisdom blinds them to what God is really doing. It is in fact vulnerable and humble children who are most likely to be in tune with God. Jesus also uses the metaphor of a yoke. A yoke can be a way of bearing a 'burden', but it is also a way of connecting two animals as they are 'yoked' together. So, the image of sharing a yoke with Jesus suggests being paired and guided by him as well as him offering to help bear our burdens.

Perhaps a burden that the people were carrying was the missed expectations about the Messiah; we too may still need to reassess our expectations of who Jesus is and what he is able to do, to come to him and learn from him.

### Questions for Reflection



- What can we learn from this image?
- How might we help people who carry heavy burdens?
- What does 'my yoke is easy... my burden is light' mean to you?

### Live your faith

Write a list of the wonderful things you see in a friend and send the list to them.

### A personal prayer

Lord, you know how weary and bowed down I feel sometimes.  
I claim your rest for my soul.  
I come to you in my emptiness and cry to you for your fullness.  
Rescue me and fill me, Lord.  
Amen

Name .....

## Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Jesus reassures us that no matter how busy life is, if we ask him, he will share our burdens and give us rest.



## Family time

**Talk** How often do we 'carry on regardless' when really we need some help? Why are we often worried about asking for help?

**Do** Offer to help a neighbour or relative who is struggling with something. They may have difficulty carrying their shopping or weeding their garden.

**Pray** Father God, when we face situations that we find difficult, help us to remember that you are always there to share our troubles. Amen.

## Activity time



Can you balance? Draw yourself and a friend on either end of the see-saw.



Look at these two pictures of a donkey carrying a heavy load. Can you spot five differences between the two pictures?



## ROOTS children's sheet

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Unscramble the words relating to things that Jesus offers us. Write the correct words on the backpacks.

