



Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Sunday 12th July 2020

Welcome to this Family service
Led by Natasha Brady

“Worship God with gladness. Come into his presence and sing his praises.”
Please join in using the words in **bold**.

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

Lord, we might not be sitting by a lake today.
However, as the crowds eagerly gathered
to listen to the stories and truths you told them,
we too await your word to us.
With joy in our hearts, and anticipation,
we pray that you will give us listening ears,
and hearts open to receive your love,
your teaching, and your wisdom.
Help our lives to be full to bursting, bearing your fruit.
Amen.

Songs

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

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Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend / Kristyn Getty
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Just one touch from the King

There's a battle raging over this land
A deep damage in the people
Yet pride stops us
Stretching out our withered hand
Yet God has stretched out to heal us

This I know, this I know,
This I know, this I know that

Chorus

*Just one touch from the King
Changes everything
Just one touch from the King
Changes everything*

There's a great darkness over this land
A deep darkness on the people
But a light is shining
That the dark can't understand
Light of the world King Jesus.

Do you know? Do you know?
Do you know? Do you know?

Chorus

O land O land O land
Hear the Word of the Lord
(x4)

Chorus (x2)

Songwriter: Godfrey Birtill

Confession

After a period of reflection

For the times we dash haphazardly into your presence,
finding it hard to leave behind our cares and worries:
forgive us, good Lord, and make us new.

For the times when we don't learn from our experiences:
forgive us, good Lord, and make us new.

For the times when we don't take care of ourselves,
or the people we share our lives with:
forgive us, good Lord, and make us new.

For the times we don't see what you want us to see
and just take things at face value:
forgive us, good Lord, and make us new.

For the times when we want our seed planted in neat rows,
when our own plans become more important than yours,
rather than letting the Holy Spirit prepare the soil of our lives
and blow where the Spirit wants to:

forgive us, good Lord, and make us new.

Amen.

Reading Matthew 13.1-9,18-23 read to us by Jamie Brady

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.' 18 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

Sermon Natasha is opening God's Word for us today

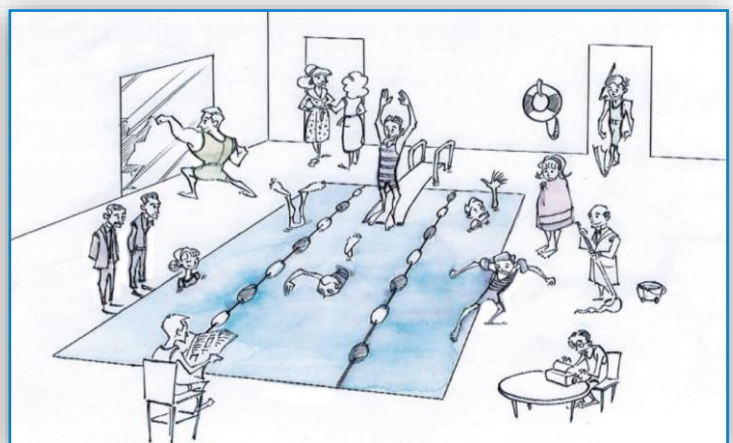
Activity

Swimming Pool of Faith ...

Take a look at this picture.
Imagine you are there ...

I wonder which one of these
people is you?

Where are you?



Song

Awake My Soul

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud
Sing His praise aloud
(x2)

There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud
Sing His praise aloud
(x2)

And when He moves
And when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen

And when He moves
Make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

Hey! Hoh!
Oh let the King of glory enter in
Hey! Hoh!
Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Hey! Hoh!
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud
Sing His praise aloud
(x2)

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.
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.

cf Ephesians 3

Intercession prepared and read to us by Richard Beckingsale

Response: In you O Lord ~ **do we put our trust.**

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.

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ your Lord.
Amen

Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

Final Prayer

Lord God, the world outside awaits us with all its troubles and uncertainties – but also with its opportunities. Send us out now, in your name, to look consciously for ways of seeing you in the world around, and to act accordingly.

Amen.

Thank you for joining us today.

Note

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Name

Activity time

ROOTS children's Sheet

12-18 July 2020

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Jesus tells simple stories called parables to help people understand an important message.



Draw

Crowds gathered to listen to Jesus telling stories. Where did he sit so that everyone could hear him? Join the dots to find out.



Write

Fit the nine letters from 'sunflower' into the gaps below. Cross them off as you use them.



Jes _ s told th _ m a st _ ry
about a farme _ who sowed
_ots of seeds. Some of them
_ell on bad ground, and died.
But all the seed o _ good
ground gre _ tall and _ trong

Family time

Talk In the story, what helped the seeds grow and what stopped them from growing? What helps us to grow as followers of Jesus? What might stop us from growing?

Do Take it in turns to tell a story. Someone starts the story with a sentence, e.g. 'One day, John went to help clean the church when...'. Continue until the story reaches a natural conclusion.

Pray Make time to read some favourite Bible stories together (some of the parables ideally) and pray about the meaning together.

Puzzle

Jesus sows the seeds of God's love in our hearts. Can you 'plant' the words in this heart? Write the word from the correct section to fit into the heart. Or cut out the pieces and stick them on!



