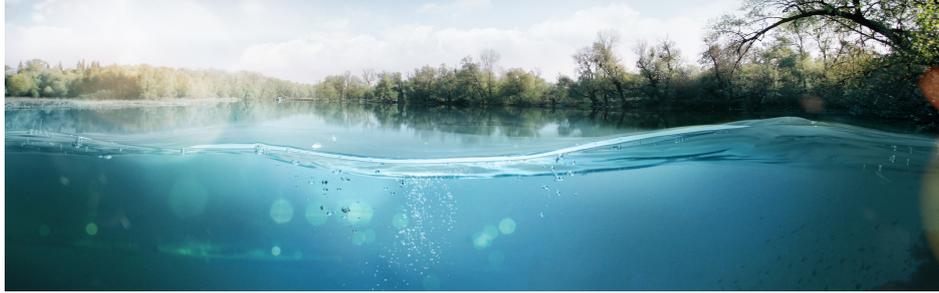


Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Prayer and Peace ...

A service that encourages us to listen to God through His Word & Spirit, while praying for the needs of our Community, the World and each other.

Led by Nigel Lowe

Welcome

Opening Prayer

We gather here, at the end of one week
and the beginning of another.
O Lord of decades and days,
centuries and seconds,
we stop now, for this moment,
and turn together to you-
who holds all time in your hand.
Make us ready to receive you,
as we gather here today.
Amen

Song Rescue - Laura Daigle

Songwriters: Jason David Ingram / Lauren Daigle / Paul Brendon Mabury; Rescue lyrics © Centricsongs, See You At The Pub.

Dwelling in the word Matthew 25.31-end , read by Pam Blewitt

*Listen to the passage ... see which bits resonate ... circle them with a pen or pencil.
I will re-read the passage ... And this time as we listen, try to think of people who have
gone out of their way to help a stranger. Be they famous or unsung local heroes.*

But in order not to end up just patting each other on the back. Please try to think of occasions when we personally failed to “love our neighbour as ourselves” and even if you don't want to share with us. Then please share with God.

Testimonies of strangers receiving help ... Matthew Wetherall & Pam Smith

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

37 ‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

40 ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

41 ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

44 ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

45 ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

46 ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

Intercessions - led by Deb Whittaker

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.

Song Awake my soul - Hillsong

Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood; Awake My Soul lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

Final Prayer

God You come to us in disguises.
In a lonely friend needing a chat.
In a stranger needing help.
And in all appeals for assistance.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
That we may always make the time to hear you,
knowing that whenever we respond to a person's need
We are responding to you,
who always responds to us
Amen

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for this Zoom service ...