

# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



## Welcome to this Family Service Led by Nigel Lowe

Come! It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to give praises to his name.

### A gathering prayer

We are a faithful people,  
living in the light of the risen Christ,  
who goes before us and with us,  
who lightens our way,  
who transforms our being and makes all things new.  
We gather to worship you, O Lord.  
Amen.

### Song O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*Chorus*

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

And then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

*Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*Chorus*

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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## Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

*A short time of silence*

Lord we come before you to say sorry,  
Sorry for all the times we let you, ourselves and others down.  
Sometimes, Lord, we are so busy talking and doing that we fail to hear you.  
We miss the still small voice saying, "Stop Listen."  
Lord, we're sorry for being too busy to hear you.  
You speak in so many different ways, Lord, one being through many other people-  
but very often we take no notice and continue in our own way.  
Help us to tune into your voice.  
Lord, as we spend these few moments in personal reflection, we ask you to speak to us.  
Show us anything for which we need to say sorry-and change our ways.  
Lord, we lift our confession to you, in your precious name.  
Amen

## Assurance of forgiveness

Father God, we thank you that we don't have to earn your forgiveness.

It is not based on how worthy we are.

We are forgiven through Christ Jesus.

It is by grace that our sins are forgiven,

**Amen**

**Reading** 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17 read to us by Simon McDowell

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

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

## Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:**

**for by his will they were created and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son, who was slain:**

**for with his blood he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:**

**the Spirit and the Bible say 'Come!' Even so come Lord Jesus!**

**Amen**

cf Revelation 4.8,11;5.9;22.17,20

## Song Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
Everyone sing

### *Chorus*

*Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
And everyone sing

### *Chorus*

Yeah, it's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
Together we sing  
And everyone sing

### *Chorus*

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**Intercessions** prepared by Jamie Brady

Response: Lord in your mercy ~ **Hear our prayer**

## 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

Faithful creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Song Build Your Kingdom Here

*Chorus*

*Build Your kingdom here*

*Let the darkness fear*

*Show Your mighty hand*

*Heal our streets and land*

*Set Your church on fire*

*Win this nation back*

*Change the atmosphere*

*Build Your kingdom here*

*We pray*

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit, come invade us now

We are Your church

We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this Earth

### *Chorus*

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

### *Chorus x2*

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## Final Prayer

Into the world of mixed-up thoughts, mixed-up values, mixed-up ways, we take ourselves and our belief in you, Lord God. Give us a vision of the way we should go, of the paths we should take, of the words we should speak, and of the deeds we should do.  
**Amen.**

## Thank you for joining us today.

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## 2 Corinthians 5.16-17

Paul says look at each person the way God sees them, because with Jesus all things are new.



## Family time

**Talk** How would the world seem if we saw it from God's point of view?

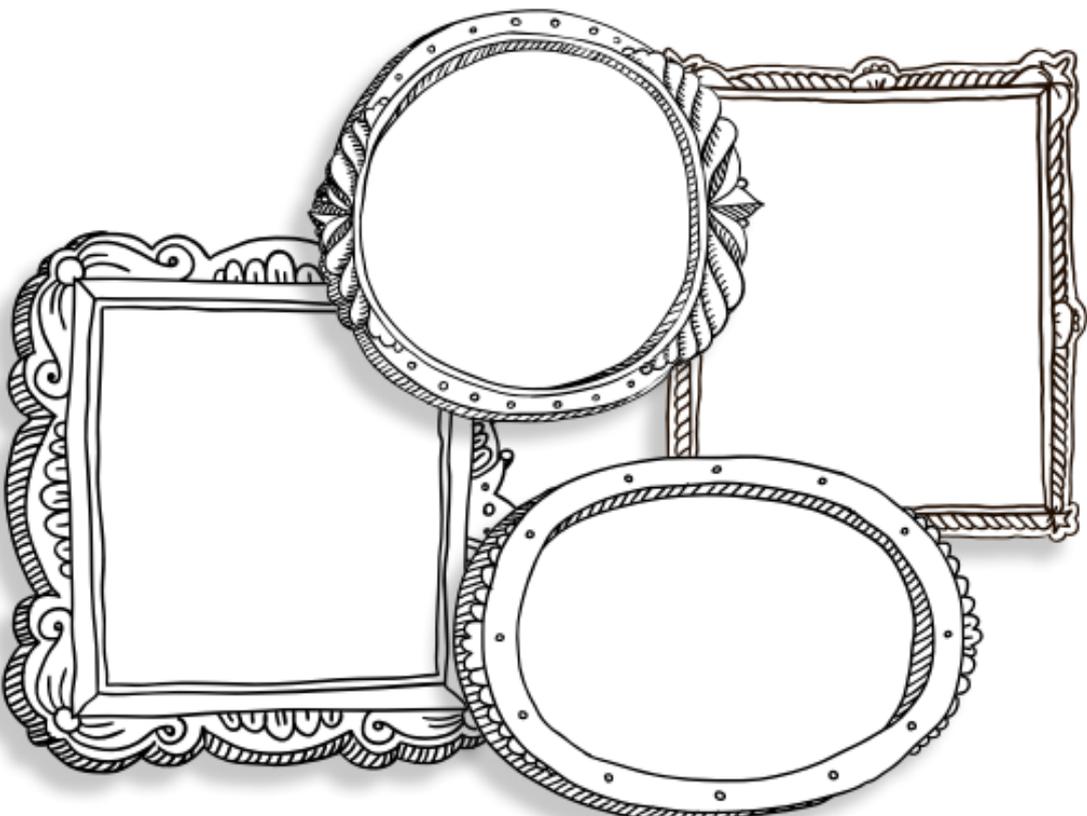
**Do** Make a week-long calendar with a box for each family member, and ask everyone to write about a situation they experience and say what God's perspective might be.

**Pray** Dear God, thank you for the world you have given us. Thank you that in Jesus, everything is made new. Help us to see the world as you do. Amen.

## Activity time



Draw portraits of you and your family or friends and give everyone a pair of God glasses!



## ROOTS children's Sheet

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In Jesus, we are a new creation. Pledge yourself to do three new things this week that will demonstrate this to others.

### PLEDGE CARD

I pledge that I will:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_



Can you crack the code to read the Bible verse?

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