

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



The Conversion of Paul

Sunday 25th January 2026

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Please sit or stand as you feel comfortable, although guidance is provided.

Please try to be quiet before the service begins.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits, which are clearly marked. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and assembly point.

Toilet and baby change are available towards the back of church.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.com, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) Please refrain from dipping consecrated wafers into the communion wine. Communion wine will be offered from a common cup in the normal way. Please receive the bread and then the wine, if you wish to, and return to your places.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Wayne Plimmer and the Preacher is Reverend Monika Doering.

GATHERING

All stand to sing the PROCESSIONAL HYMN (HON 152) when announced.

**Fight the good fight with all
thy might;
Christ is thy Strength, and Christ
thy Right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race
through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His
face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the Path, and Christ the
Prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on thy
Guide,
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall
Prove
Christ is its Life, and Christ its
Love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms
are near,
He changeth not, and thou art
dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A minister introduces the confession and then all pray in silence.

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest says the **ABSOLUTION**, proclaiming God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God, Glory to God,**
Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day.

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: Acts 9.1-22

Read by Val Sellars

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be

filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 740) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

**Will you come and follow me if I but
call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown? Will
you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but
call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and
never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare, should
your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but
call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free and
never be the same?**

Will you kiss the leper clean and do

**such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and
you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I
but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and
never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and
sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never
be the same.**

**In Your company I'll go where Your
love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in
you and you in me.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 19.27-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Alleluia...

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a

hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia...**

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON Reverend Monika Doering

All stand for THE CREED

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Janet Patrick*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer. **All** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

All Merciful Father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces the Peace.

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN (AMR 541)

We sing the glorious conquest
Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
Came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward
Full early to the prey;
But lo, the Shepherd met him,
And bound him fast to-day.

O glory most excelling,
That smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
O voice that spake within him
The calm reproving word!
O love that sought and held him
The bondman of his Lord!

O Widsom, ordering all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
E'er wrought at thine employ
Than he, till now so furious
Thy building to destroy?

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger
To trust thy hidden power:
Thy grace by ways mysterious
The wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest foeman
Thy chosen saint can find.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **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.

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and all respond

All ... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

All sit. Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **Lamb of God,**
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Priest invites the people to receive communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

All The body of Christ.
Amen.

All The blood of Christ.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 222)

**God, whose love is all around us,
who in Jesus sought and found us,
who to freedom new unbound us,
keep our hearts with joy aflame.**

**For the sacramental breaking,
for the honour of partaking,
for your life our lives remaking,
young and old, we praise your name.**

**From the service of this table
lead us to a life more stable,
for our witness make us able;
blessings on our work we claim.**

**Through our calling closely knitted,
daily to your praise committed,
for a life of service fitted,
let us now your love proclaim.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All

**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

Remain seated for the Notices.

Following the notices, all stand for THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Remain standing for the RECESSIONAL HYMN (HON 330) Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.**

**Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me -
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

**I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.**

**Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me -
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

All

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today 6pm Confirmation

Wednesday 28th 10am Eucharist

Sunday 1st 8am Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist
6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Prayers: Please keep those who are unwell, including Mari Herter, Stefan Delorme, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Baby George Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, Carol Costello, Brenda Smith and Alan Holmes in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Brian Walton and Sheila Clarke, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

Calling all Group Leaders! Please could all group leaders submit a risk assessment and role descriptors for their group's leads and volunteers? Even if these have been submitted within the last 12 months, we're getting all documents in line for submission to PCC every February, to help with our safeguarding audit. Many thanks. Documents to be sent to beeston.parish@gmail.com before Thursday 19th February.

Flower Rota: There is a new list at the back of Church for donations towards the flowers. Anyone wishing to donate for a certain week of the year, please add your name to the list. Many Thanks Pam Holland

'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service: The next service will be on Tuesday 3rd February from 2pm-3pm. This is a short service of music, prayers and reflection, with tea & coffee afterwards.

Welcome Morning: If you are new to St John's or even if you have been attending for a little while, we would like to welcome you with coffee and cake on **Saturday 7th February between 10 am and midday**. This will be a chance to meet a few people informally, find out a little about the church, climb the bell tower (from the inside!), discover who's who, what we do and ask questions if you want. There is no need to book a place, just turn up. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Eco Group: This month, the Eco Church group will be running a series on organisations within Nottingham who do work related to climate change and environmental activism, along with their contact information and address for anyone who would like to get involved. **Greening Beeston** is a Beeston-based local campaign group dedicated to educating the community about the climate crisis and global warming, as well as individual actionable steps to resolve these issues.

Their website features a treasure trove of resources and recommendations for getting started with a more environmentally friendly lifestyle and choices.

Founded in 2013, the group is supported by the Broxtowe Borough Council. To learn more about Greening Beeston, visit their website at [www \[dot\] greeninginbeeston \[dot\] weebly \[dot\] com/](http://www.greeninginbeeston.weebly.com/) or contact them via the website contact form.

If you are a part of any organisations or groups within or outside Nottingham, caring for the natural world and involved in issues of climate justice, not listed in the past few weeks, do let us know in person or via email at beestonparish@gmail.com

Safeguarding

Over the next few weeks we will be publishing contact details for helplines which may be of use to you or someone you know.

Juno Women's Aid is the largest domestic abuse organisation in Nottingham and one of the largest in the UK. We work with women, children, and teens who have been affected by domestic abuse. **24-hour helpline: 0808000340**

If you have any concerns, please contact Father Wayne or Julie Howson, our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Contact details below.

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We now have a **contactless giving box** on one of the tables at the back of church. It is very simple to use, with onscreen instructions. You can use either a credit or debit card. Although the machine is set up for a **£6 donation**, you have the option to raise or lower it at your discretion.

Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.

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Please remember to take this order of service with you. You may wish to look over the readings and notices again.

Once you have finished with it, we would encourage you to recycle it.



Regular Church Services

Sundays

8am

Said Eucharist

10am

Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Wednesdays	10am	Said Eucharist
Every 1 st Sunday	6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Every 3 rd Sunday	6:30pm	Taizé Service
Every 1 st Tuesday	2pm	‘Green Pastures’ Dementia Friendly Service

Regular Church Groups/Activities

Tuesdays (Term time)	9:30am	ABC2 Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays	10am	Coffee Stop
Every 3 rd Thursday	4:30pm	Julian Prayer Group
Every Friday	7:25pm	Choir Practice
Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4th Sunday	10am	Youth Group
Every 2 nd Sunday	6pm	Youth Group

Open Door

We aim to open on Wednesdays, following the 10am Eucharist until 12pm

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