

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

PARISH EUCHARIST



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th April 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.

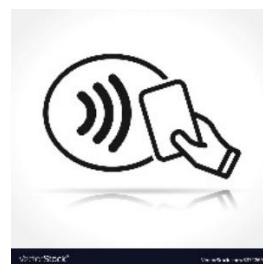
If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

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 Father Rob Wiggins.

GATHERING

All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *(HON 282) when announced.*

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded
spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! the rock
on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treas'ry filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my shepherd,
brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold is my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service, then all say the **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

*The Priest says the **ABSOLUTION**, proclaiming God's forgiveness and all respond
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,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 2.42-47

Read by Val Sellars

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. During the **HYMN** (AM 665 t HON 154) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

**I am the Light whose brightness
shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.**

**I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.**

**I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.**

**I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.**

GOSPEL: John 10.1-10

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

Alleluia...

Jesus said. 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

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

SERMON *Father Rob Wiggins*

All stand for **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Sheenagh Bloomfield*

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

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer. or **All** Lord, hear us
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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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 (HON 634)

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.**

4.

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures
grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

5.

**Perverse and foolish oft
I strayed
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,**

6.

**And home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight
Thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, 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 honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **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.

All Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
The body of Christ.
All **Amen.**
The blood of Christ.
All **Amen.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 138)

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
to the heav'nly shore;**

**may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.**

**Hallow ev'ry pleasure,
ev'ry gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**
All **God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Remain seated for the Notices.

All stand for **THE BLESSING**

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th 10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 3rd 8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Sung Eucharist (with anointing)
6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Prayers: *Please keep those who are unwell, including Mari Herter and Stefan Delorme, Hanar and her sons Lamo, Lalo and Lawa, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Baby George Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, Peter Shaw, Brenda Smith, Shaun Hancox, Carleen Lowe and Alan Holmes in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Beverley Gray, Jean Cameron and Raymond Blagg, as well as all those who mourn.*

Please also pray for those applying to become and selecting PCC Members.

NOTICES

Parish Giving: If you have recently received a letter regarding Parish Giving, please could you make a response as soon as possible. Many thanks.

'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service: The next service will be on Tuesday 5th May from 2pm-3pm. This is a short service of music, prayers and reflection, with tea & coffee afterwards.

APCM: This year's APCM takes place on **Sunday, 26th April, after this service.** If you are interested in joining the **PCC**, we have 12 places available. We will also be electing 3 **Deanery Synod Representatives** as well as **Church Wardens**. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

In order to be a PCC Trustee, you must have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. All elected PCC Trustees must undertake safeguarding training and a DBS check

Eco Corner: "A Minor Bird" –by Robert Frost

I have wished a bird would fly away,
And not sing by my house all day;

Have clapped my hands at him from the door
When it seemed as if I could bear no more.

The fault must partly have been in me.
The bird was not to blame for his key.

And of course, there must be something wrong
In wanting to silence any song.

Walking with the Word Bible Study: The sessions will continue on Saturdays 2nd May and 9th May, followed by two final sessions on 30th May and 6th June, from 10am to 11:30am in Church. You can still come even if you didn't come to the sessions that have recently taken place. No previous knowledge necessary!

Adam Field - is going to the **World Scout Jamboree 2027** in Poland. He has been selected as one of 36 Scouts from Nottinghamshire for this event expected to bring together 50,000+ scouts from around the world. To help with fundraising he will be doing a **sponsored bike ride from The City to the Sea**, a distance of over 70 miles during the last week of May. How you can support?

- He'll be running a cake sale after church on **17th May**.

- You can sponsor him <https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-adam-to-get-to-the-world-scout-jamboree-2027> or talk to him after the service. Thank you!!!



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



Finance Group: As a Parish we are facing significant financial challenges going forward (and that is even before the developing crisis in the middle east!) We have been putting out gentle requests for folk who are in a position to do so to give a regular gift to St John's through the Parish Giving Scheme as a key objective is to raise our overall income. To help us to achieve this, we would like to re-form our Finance Group. The group meets 4 or 5 times a year. If you have skills or interests in this area, Father Wayne, the Church Wardens or our Treasurer Kaye would love to hear from you! Please be in touch as soon as possible. You can also get in touch through Kathryn in the Parish Office.


Church Aisle Roof Appeal: We would like to repair and protect the remainder of the north aisle roof as soon as possible. We have already had one third of the roof repaired very successfully. We have a quotation from the contractors who did the original third, and the offer of a significant contribution from an anonymous donor. However, due to the changes to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme where VAT was refundable, we are left with a shortfall of approximately £4000. We are appealing to members of our Christian family here in St John's who may be in a position to respond with donations of any size. We would very much like this work to go ahead as soon as possible to ensure the entire aisle roof is waterproofed and protected for the future.

You can give by BACS to 'Beeston Parochial Church Council Expenses Account' Sort code 40-10-06 Account No 50149438. Please include the reference 'Roof' if you plan to donate this way.

Alternatively, you can speak to Kaye Ford, after the main 10am Sunday Service. Kaye is our Treasurer and can be contacted on 0115 9167806 or kayeford@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively, donations can be left on the collection plate in an envelope marked 'roof'.

If you are taxpayer and you are in a position to **Gift Aid** your donation then please do. This would boost your gift by 25%. If you would like to do so would you either speak directly to - or email - Kaye Ford our Treasurer or Father Wayne.

Interested in becoming part of an  **Work Bee Team**
about 3-4 times a year for the Nottingham Children's
Hospital?

Some of you have enjoyed being part of

our first ever work bee team in February this year.

If you would love to do this again,

then please contact Revd **Monika** on **07812278115**





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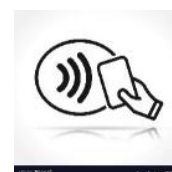
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Please remember to take this order of service with you. You may wish to look over the readings and notices again.

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



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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 & 4 th 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