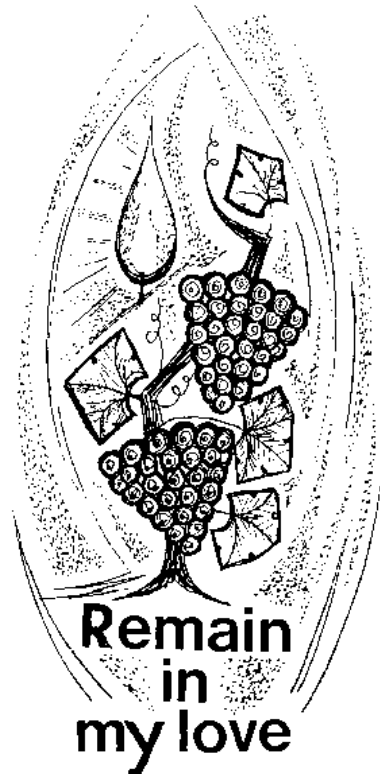


**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Thy Kingdom Come)

Sunday 17th May 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.

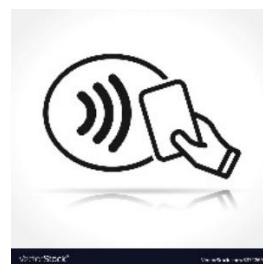
If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

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 Reverend Dawn Glen and the Preacher is Reverend Dr Anne Phillips.

GATHERING

*All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (HON 565) when announced.*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 1.6-14

Read by Fran Blackler

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 132) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

**Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are
mine.**

**When you walk through the waters
I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the
waves.**

**When the fire is burning all around
you,
you will never be consumed by the
flames.**

**When the fear of loneliness is
looming,
then remember I am at your side.**

**When you dwell in the exile of the
stranger,
remember you are precious in my
eyes.**

**You are mine, O my child, I am your
Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.**

GOSPEL: John 17.1-11

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

Alleluia ...

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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 Dr Anne Phillips

OFFERTORY HYMN (HON 48)

At the Name of Jesus, ev'ry knee
shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of
glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should
call him Lord,
who, from the beginning, was the
mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once
to sight,
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of
light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon
their way,
all the heav'nly orders, in their great
array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a
name
from the lips of sinners unto whom
he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the
last,
brought it back victorious when from
death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its
human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the
central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the
Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect
rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there
let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not
true;
crown him as your captain in
temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and
pow'r.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return
again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel
train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon
his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of
glory now.

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

All sit. Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All The body of Christ.
Amen.

All The blood of Christ.
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 523)

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wand'rers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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 92). Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.*

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven,
our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

**Suffring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

**Priestly King, enthroned forever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon You gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today 6:30pm Taizé Service

Wednesday 20th 10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 24th 8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Sung Eucharist (incense will be used)

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 and Carleen Lowe and in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Alan Holmes, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

Thy Kingdom Come: Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer between Ascension Day (14th May) and Pentecost (24th May).

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in. There are some prayer resources online and some hard copies available at the back of church.



The next Julian meeting will be on Thursday 21st May at 4.30pm. This meeting is a monthly opportunity to sit in silent prayer in church for thirty minutes.

Walking with the Word Bible Study: After a short break, we will have 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 previous sessions. No previous knowledge necessary!

Adam Field - is going to the **World Scout Jamboree 2027** in Poland. He'll be running a cake sale after church today (17th). And on 25th May he will be taking on a 'City to the Sea' bike ride, a distance of over 70 miles.

We are hugely grateful for your amazing support so far! His fundraising total is now at £1,370 from 49 wonderful individuals.

We'd love to make it to 71 supporters - one for each mile!

Sponsor here, or find him after the service: <https://gofund.me/da9f01387>

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Eco Corner: Stonebridge City Farm and Gardens

If we live in a city, it isn't always possible to visit the countryside. There is an opportunity to experience a range of aspects of God's creation, including farm animals, gardens, and woodland trails at Stonebridge City Farm. The farm also provides important opportunities for adults and children through learning and volunteering. <https://stonebridgecityfarm.com/>

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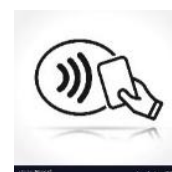
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Please remember to take this order of service with you. You may wish to look over the readings and notices again.

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



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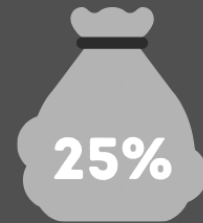
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Regular Church Services

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 & 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