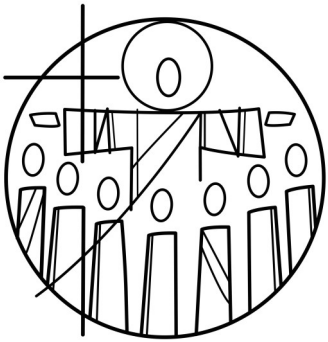
THE BENEFICE OF TETBURY, BEVERSTON,
LONG NEWNTON & SHIPTON MOYNE

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AND SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR THE REVD. DR. STEVE BULLOCK, CURATE

Sunday 26th June 2022, 10.30am
St Mary The Virgin & St Mary Magdalen, Tetbury



Will you come and follow me?

A warm welcome as we meet for our Benefice Service, drawing together our church families across Beverston, Long Newnton, Shipton Moyne and Tetbury to welcome our new Curate, The Revd Steve Bullock. Please hold Steve in your prayers as he deacons for the first time since ordination.

HYMN NO. 497: LET ALL THE WORLD

You are invited to stand, as the organ introduces our first hymn..

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen**

President The light and peace of
Jesus Christ be with you all

All **And also with you.**

Welcome .

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We remain standing

Deacon We gather together here as God's family. Preparing to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us confess our sins and ask forgiveness from our heavenly Father, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Deacon For the right roads we have avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship, and the true selves we starved of love:

All **Forgive us.**

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, God, by your grace:

All **Forgive us.**

For all we should be and all we can amend, God, in your love:

All **Renew us.**

For all you have in store for us and all you may ask of us, God, in your love,

All **Prepare us.**

For the life of the world and the love of its people, God, in your love:

All **Commit us.**

President May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GATHERING PRAYER

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

All Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

We sit down for our first Bible reading

The LORD said to Elijah, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel -meholah as prophet in your place.'

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO 386: BE THOU MY VISION

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9:51-62

You are invited to stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for him be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' [62]Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

INTRODUCING STEVE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

You are invited to stand.

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this child, the Faith of the Church.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, and one for whom we exist?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the church.

All **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS

During the prayers, this response is used.

Reader Lord of compassion,

All **in your mercy hear us.**

And at the end we say:

God of mercy,

All **you know us and love us**
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

We welcome the children from Little Fishes Sunday School.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

President Christ came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off, and to those who were near. Let peace be shared among us, that we may be built together into a dwelling place for God.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to turn to your neighbours and share a sign of peace with the greeting "Peace be with you".

HYMN NO. 453: Great is thy faithfulness

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are invited to remain standing.

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

President Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All **It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels and the whole company
of heaven to celebrate and sing:

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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen,**
Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to sit down

President Trusting in God's compassion, as Jesus taught us, so we say:

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

President 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**

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.

President Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy 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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Everybody is welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You will be invited to come forward, and we receive standing. During Communion you are invited to share in the hymn.

HYMN NO. 287: Broken for me

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

President Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: of bread, wine and blessing may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and enable us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Merciful God,**
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the blessing and bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Banns and notices.

HYMN: Hope of our calling

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

President Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for coffee & tea at the front of the church immediately after the service, and then to move to the Vicarage garden (over the road) to share lunch together.

There is plenty, please do stay for lunch.

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