



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026, 10am

All Together service

“I don’t get it... now I do!”

**St John’s Kidlington**

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## Welcome

### Opening responses

We meet in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Song



Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

*(repeat song through)*

## Confession

We are fearfully and wonderfully made,  
called to be more like Jesus every day.

But sometimes we get this wrong  
in the things we think and say and do.

We need to admit this, and ask for God's forgiveness.

When we are slow to follow the example of Christ,  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we fail to be known as Christ's disciples,  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we fail to walk the way of the cross,  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**



## Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Jesus. **Amen.**



## Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



## The Quizzical Quiz!

## Reading – from Acts chapter 8



Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot.

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

## Song



1, 2, 3 Jesus is alive!

1, 2, 3 Jesus is alive!

He died for you and me

But on day 3

Jesus rose again

Jesus is alive

*(repeat)*

God loved the world

So He gave His son

Jesus is our friend

He loves everyone

*(repeat)*

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## Activity/Craft time

- Talking tables –
- Making tables –
- Mindfulness colouring –
- The Wordsearch –

## Song



The greatest day in history  
Death is beaten, You have rescued me  
Sing it out, Jesus is alive  
The empty cross, the empty grave  
Life eternal, You have won the day  
Shout it out, Jesus is alive  
He's alive...

And oh, happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh, happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place  
Free at last, meeting face to face  
I am yours, Jesus, You are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive  
He's alive...

And oh, happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh, happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same  
forever I am changed

*And oh, what a glorious day  
What a glorious way  
That You have saved me  
And oh, what a glorious day  
What a glorious name...*

And oh, happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh, happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed.

## Reflection

## Intercessions

[this response may be used]

Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer**

[at the end we may say]

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



## Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we pray together:

**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 forever. Amen.**



## Notices, Birthdays and Celebrations:



## Hymn



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### Final words of Blessing

#### Refreshments

*Do stay for tea/coffee/squash  
and a chat*



### All Together at St John's in 2026

7<sup>th</sup> June

5<sup>th</sup> July

2<sup>nd</sup> August

6<sup>th</sup> September

4<sup>th</sup> Oct – and Harvest

1<sup>st</sup> Nov

6<sup>th</sup> Dec – and Christingle

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# Acts 8

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Philip

Gaza

Invited

GoodNews

Scripture

Rejoicing

Ethiopian

Spirit

Understand

Jesus

Water

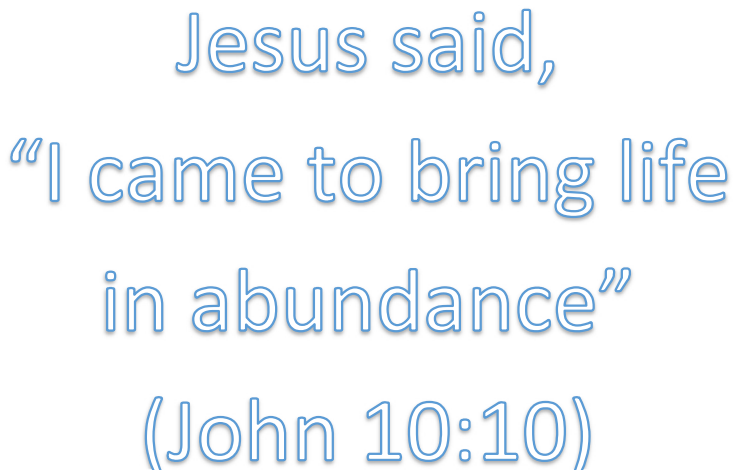
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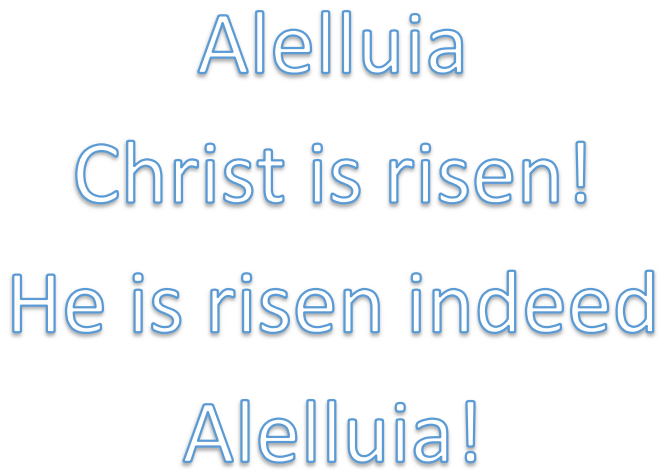
Explain

Prophet

Baptise

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Jesus said,  
"I came to bring life  
in abundance"  
(John 10:10)

A vertical scroll with a textured, cylindrical body and a small circular detail at the top and bottom. The scroll is unrolled to reveal text in the center.

Aleluia  
Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed  
Aleluia!