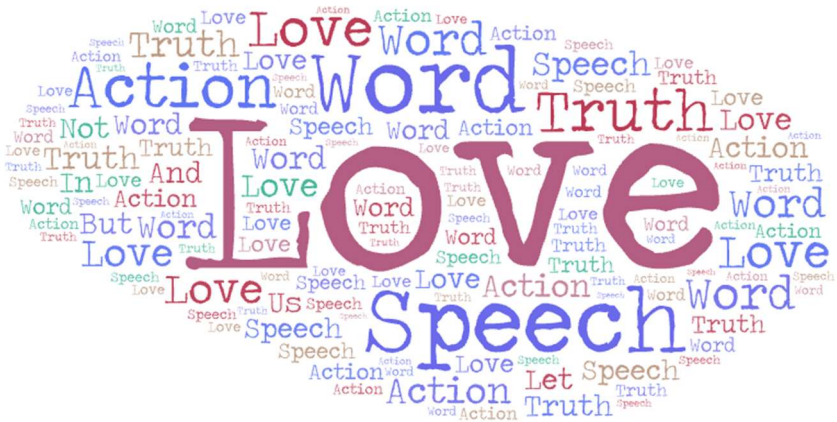




“Let us love not in word and speech,
but in action and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday in Trinity / Safeguarding

Joint service of Holy Communion

10am St John's Kidlington

*Any requests to stand or sit are invitations not instructions.
Please adopt whatever posture most suits you.*

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Welcome

Introduction to Safeguarding Sunday, and our theme today

Opening Hymn

You are invited to stand

Praise to the Lord,
the almighty, the king of creation,
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

The Gathering

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you
and also with you.

Please sit

Prayers of Penitence

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world,
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then be open and honest,
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

For the times when we have sought to protect our own
reputation or comfort, instead of the most vulnerable:
Lord, have mercy.

For the occasions when we have failed to notice or
acknowledge when people have felt unsafe in our midst:
Christ, have mercy.

For the times when we have not listened effectively, or
believed the voices of those in distress, trauma, or danger:
Lord, have mercy.

For the moments when we have seen, heard,
or suspected harm, yet failed to act to keep others safe:
Christ, have mercy.

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. **Amen**

The Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory be to Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory be to Jesus!
To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Reading 1 Corinthians 13 : 1-8a

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious, or boastful, or arrogant, or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Gospel reading Matthew 22.34–40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’

³⁷Jesus replied, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ



Reflection and conversation with our Safeguarding Officer(s)

The Creed

You are invited to stand

Let us affirm our faith in God, saying together:

**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 be-gotten 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.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
receive our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Peace

You are invited to stand

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

During the hymn, the gifts of the people are presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory hymn

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was bound, but now I'm free.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

You are invited to sit or kneel

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
holy and undivided Trinity:
because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God
in the face of Jesus Christ,
that we may grow into your likeness,
and be changed from glory to glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to be in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St John,
St Mary, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Giving of Communion

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

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

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.
Communion is offered in two kinds - bread and wine both
together by the priest intincting (dipping) the wafer for you,
or the wafer alone followed by the common cup.*

*If you would like to receive the common cup please give a
simple indication so that we do not intinct your wafer.*

Communion hymn (tune: Love divine)

May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

For our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

When the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
and each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:
then your justice stands like mountains
and your mercy falls like rain,
and you hold the broken-hearted
till they learn to live again.

So in gratitude we praise you,
and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
we thank you that by sharing bread and wine,
we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity.
Guide us when encountering those in distress,
loving as you love,
and being prompted to action.
May we share in keeping your precious ones
safe and cared for **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Closing Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

God of love,
who loved us first,
and who in Jesus, showed us how to love others,
forgive us for the times we've looked away,
or stayed silent when we should have spoken up.
Teach us to love as you love.

God of compassion,
who sees the overlooked,
and draws near the hurting and exploited,
help us to see with your eyes, listen with your ears,
and give us courage to stand with those who are not noticed.
Teach us to love as you love.

God of truth,
who shines light into darkness
who reveals what is hidden and unspoken,
free us from our shame, our denial, and fear,
lead us in the way of honesty, openness and healing.
Teach us to love as you love.

God of protection,
our place of safety and refuge,
may your Church be a place where:
power is used to serve,
people find belonging,
and love is made real in what we say and do.
**Teach us to love as you love,
with love that protects, always.**
Amen.

The Sending Out

You are invited to stand

God, who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

*Do stay for tea/coffee, and a chat with each other
Our outgoing (Yo) and incoming (Sarah) Safeguarding Officer is also
available to speak with after the service*

Safeguarding

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer for our parish, Yo Davies / Sarah Sewell

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