

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



*10am on 15th August 2021  
Holy Baptism &  
Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

A warm welcome to our parish Eucharist, as we celebrate the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron saint of our sister church on Brownsea Island. Today, we also welcome Egle and Csaba as they thank God for the gift of life and bring their son, Mark, for baptism.

The Church of England has issued new guidance in response to the Government's move to step 4 of the 'Roadmap out of Lockdown'. We are being asked to take personal responsibility around Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, we believe there is a need to take things slowly, and suggest that we all continue with our existing church measures to ensure that we all remain safe and protected.

Please note the following recommendations:

- to wear a face covering in church,
- to keep a safe distance from others at all times,
- to share the peace in a socially-distanced manner,
- to join in the singing of hymns and responses, if we wish to do so.

We are invited to support the work of St Peter's, to help us carry out our mission and ministry to our local community. A collection will not be taken during the service, but there is provision for us to make our offering as we leave St Peter's Church.

It is also possible to make an offering by clicking the 'donate' button on our website: [www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk](http://www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk). Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

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## THE GATHERING

*Please stand and sing, as the service begins with a hymn.*

**Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word:  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.**

## The Greeting

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

*Please sit as informal words of welcome are offered.*

We rejoice today with Egle and Csaba  
as they thank God for the gift of life  
and bring their son, Mark, for baptism.

Let us pray:

God our Creator,

we thank you for the wonder of new life  
and for the mystery of human love.

We give thanks for all whose support and skill  
surround and sustain the beginning of life.

As Jesus knew love within a human family,  
may Mark grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary and Joseph knew the joys of parenthood,  
give to Egle and Csaba,

your sustaining grace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand as we sing our hymn of praise to the Trinity – the Gloria.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.  
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.  
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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer, and then leads the Collect for the Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### The Collect

Let us pray that our lives may reflect the example of Saint Mary.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit for our readings.*

<b>THE LITURGY OF THE WORD</b>
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*A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (61:10-11).*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7).*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as we sing our gradual hymn.*

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!**

**'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be.  
All generations laud and honour thee.  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'  
Most highly favoured lady! Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!**

*Please turn to face the Gospel Book as we welcome the Gospel.*

### Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

*(Luke 1:46-55).*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit as we reflect on God's Word.*

Sermon – *the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector.*

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

### The Decision

Egle and Csaba, to request Christian baptism for Mark is to make a solemn promise to be a disciple of Jesus, to learn the way of life which he taught, and with God's help to follow him as best you can.

It also means taking responsibility for working out a faith to live by, remaining open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and treating the faith and feelings of others with respect, tolerance and compassion.

Do you wish Mark to be received into the Church by baptism, pledging yourself to seek to walk the way of Jesus, stepping into the new life of his resurrection, and opening yourself to all who have revealed God's love to humankind?

*Parents: **We do.***

As godparents, do you, Daniel and Mercedesz support the parents' intention for Mark to follow the Christian path?

*Godparents: **We do.***

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means endeavouring to let go ways of living which are unloving and separate us from each other, and to live resourcefully and healthily for each other.

Do you wish to be a companion of Jesus Christ?

*All* **I firmly wish to do this.**

Do you wish for a life marked by love, forgiveness and acceptance?

*All* **I firmly wish to do this.**

Do you wish to live in a way which is life affirming rather than life denying?

*All* **I firmly wish to do this.**

### The Baptism

*Please stand, as the president stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, for your gift of water in creation.

*All* **We give you thanks and praise.**

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life.

*All* **We give you thanks and praise.**

For your Son Jesus Christ, baptised in the river Jordan.

*All* **We give you thanks and praise.**

For your gift of new birth and your new creation by water and the Spirit.

*All* **We give you thanks and praise.**

Father, accept our sacrifice of praise; may your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.

Bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

### Profession of Faith

Let us affirm,  
together with the parents and godparents of Mark,  
who is being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

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

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.**

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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

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

*The president baptises the child by pouring water over him and saying:*

Mark Kispeter, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Sign of the Cross

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child who has been baptised, with the words:*

I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Christ claims you for his own. You are important and precious in his sight. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified:

**All Live courageously as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and all that is evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

*Parents and godparents are invited to sign the child with the sign of the cross.*

## The Welcome

*The president and the congregation, representing the whole Church, welcome the newly baptised:*

Mark; may God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you!**

## The Prayers

We thank you, Father, for the gift of the life of this child who has been baptised. May your blessing of peace and joy be with Mark and protect him all of his days.

Grant that Mark may grow in the faith in which he has been baptised, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him.

We pray for his parents, Egle and Csaba: give them the Spirit of wisdom and love, that their home may reflect the joy of your eternal kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### Baptismal Blessing

Mark, today God has touched you with his love  
and given you a place within his Church.  
God bless your eyes  
that you may have clarity of vision,  
God bless your mouth  
that you may speak the truth,  
God bless your ears  
that you may hear all that is good which is spoken to you,  
God bless your heart  
that you may be filled with love,  
God bless your feet  
that you may walk a true path.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit for our prayers.*

### Prayers of Intercession

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we say with Mary:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

*All* **Holy is your name.**

*The prayers may end as follows:*

Merciful Father,

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

*Please stand as the president introduces the peace.*

## The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

<b>THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST</b>
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*We remain standing as bread and wine are placed on the altar, and we sing our offertory hymn.*

## Preparation of the Table

**Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,  
Whom Jesus loves so well,  
And to his glory year by year  
Thy praise and honour tell?**

**Thee did he choose from whom to take  
True flesh, his flesh to be;  
In it to suffer for our sake,  
And by it make us free.**

**O wondrous depth of love divine,  
That he should bend so low;  
And, Mary, O what joy was thine  
The Saviour's love to know.**

**Joy to be Mother of the Lord,  
Yet thine the truer bliss,  
In every thought and deed and word  
To be for ever his.**

**Now in the realm of life above  
Close to thy Son thou art,  
While on thy soul glad streams of love  
Flow from his sacred heart.**

**Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,  
Praise we thy Mother blest;  
Grant when our earthly course is run,  
Life with the saints at rest.**

*The president offers prayer for the preparation of the altar.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our Father,  
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.  
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven  
and the cup of salvation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
almighty Father, ever-living God,  
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,  
and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed,  
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.

For you have truly done great things  
and holy is your name,  
and your mercy is on those who fear you  
in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant  
you remembered your promise of mercy  
and gave the world through her  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you  
and rejoice in your presence for ever.

May our voices join with theirs  
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

*Sung* **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:

*All* **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 stand 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  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Peter, Saint Osmund  
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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people,  
and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence among us.*

*After a moment's silence, please sit for The Lord's Prayer.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

## Breaking of the Bread

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.**

*Sung* **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.**

*The president invites the people to receive communion.*

### 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.

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

*Words* The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.*

*We have recently introduced receiving Holy Communion in both kinds by simultaneous administration (intinction). Please receive with open hands.*

*Communicants who wish to continue receiving under one kind only will continue to be able to do so – being served by the subdeacon.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you. Please continue to respect the distance of at least one metre from others as you come forward, and sanitise your hands before receiving.*

*We remain seated to sing our post-communion hymn.*

**For Mary, Mother of the Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
Who first the Son of God adored  
As on her child she gazed.**

**The angel Gabriel brought the word  
She should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
Made answer willingly.**

**The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
And so God's will was done;  
The second Eve love's answer made  
Which our redemption won.**

**She gave her body for God's shrine,  
Her heart to piercing pain,  
And knew the cost of love divine  
When Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
And home in Galilee,  
There comes a joy and holiness  
To every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
Above all women blest;  
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
In birth and death confessed.**

### Prayers after Communion

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Announcements are made.*

### The Symbol of Light

*The president presents a lighted candle, lit from the Easter Candle, (representing the risen Christ) and says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Mark, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**

<b>SENDING</b>
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*Please stand as we sing our final hymn, before we are sent out with God's blessing.*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.**

### The Blessing

May the love of the Holy Family surround you.  
May the joy that was Mary's refresh you.  
May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage you.  
May the peace of the Christ-child fill your lives.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

*Fugue on "My Soul doth Magnify the Lord" BWV 733 by J S BACH  
(1685-1750)*

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