

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



*Holy Baptism & Trinity 15  
10am on 12th September 2021*

## WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

A warm welcome to our parish Eucharist, which lies at the heart of our Christian worship. Here we shall be fed and nourished, challenged and encouraged. As we prepare to sing, pray, listen and receive – let us still ourselves and become aware of God's presence. Today, we also welcome Egle and family, as they thank God for the gift of life and bring Freya for baptism.

We have a duty to take personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, we suggest adherence to our existing church measures to ensure that we all remain safe and protected.

Please note the following recommendations:

- to wear a face covering as we enter and leave the church, and come forward to receive Holy Communion – this can be removed once we are seated,
- 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.

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## THE GATHERING

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

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

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

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

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

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
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:**

### 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 family  
as they thank God for the gift of life  
and bring Freya, 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 Freya grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary knew the joys of parenthood,  
give to Egle, 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

### The Collect

Let us pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

*Silence is kept.*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the book Proverbs (1:20-33).*

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

*A reading from the Letter of James (3:1-12).*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

For the word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as we sing our gradual hymn.*

**Jesus is Lord!  
Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r  
was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:  
Jesus is Lord!**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with alleluias  
for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord!  
Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calv'ry's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life a ransom  
thus setting us free.**

**Jesus is Lord!  
O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror,  
from death he rose and all his foes  
shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power  
that Jesus is Lord.**

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

### Gospel Reading

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*(Mark 8:27-38).*

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 Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest.*

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

### The Decision

Egle, to request Christian baptism for Freya 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 Freya 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?

*Parent: I do.*

As godparents, do you, Dajana and Connor support Egle's intention for Freya 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 Revd Mike 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 family of Freya,  
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.**

*Revd Mike baptises Freya by pouring water over her and saying:*

Freya, 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

*Revd Mike makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Freya 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.**

*Egle and the godparents are invited to sign Freya with the sign of the cross.*

### The Welcome

*Revd Mike and the congregation, representing the whole Church, welcome the newly baptised:*

Freya; 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 Freya and protect her all of her days.

Grant that Freya may grow in the faith in which she has been baptised, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her.

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

*All* **Amen.**

## Baptismal Blessing

Freya, 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

In the spirit of obedience:

*All* **we ask your guidance.**

As sons and daughters of our heavenly Father,  
responding to his call,  
let us bring to him our needs and concerns.

*The prayers end as follows:*

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.**

*Please stand as the president introduces the peace.*

### The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that he who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

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

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Sung* **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  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us in him a new people to show forth your 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 singing:

*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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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  
Saint 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

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*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.*

*Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds by simultaneous administration (intinction). Please receive with both open hands.*

*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.*

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.**

#### Prayers after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
*All* **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 shared and banns of marriage are called.*

## The Symbol of Light

*Revd Mike 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.

Freya, 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.*

**Onward, Christian pilgrims,  
Christ will be our light;  
see, the heav'nly vision  
breaks upon our sight!  
Out of death's enslavement  
Christ has set us free,  
on then to salvation,  
hope and liberty.**

***Onward, Christian pilgrims,  
Christ will be our light;  
see, the heav'nly vision  
breaks upon our sight!***

**Onward, Christian pilgrims,  
up the rocky way,  
where the dying Saviour  
bids us watch and pray.  
Through the darkened valley  
walk with those who mourn,  
share the pain and anger,  
share the promised dawn!**

**Onward, Christian pilgrims,  
in the early dawn;  
death's great seal is broken,  
life and hope reborn!  
Faith in resurrection  
strengthens pilgrim's hearts,  
ev'ry load is lightened,  
ev'ry fear departs.**

**Onward, Christian pilgrims,  
hearts and voices raise,  
till the whole creation  
echoes perfect praise;  
swords are turned to ploughshares,  
pride and envy cease,  
truth embraces justice,  
hope resolves in peace.**

### The Blessing

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
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.*

*Voluntary – Toccata pour Orgue  
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