

**ST PETER'S
PARKSTONE**



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
**CHRISTIAN
UNITY**

*3rd Sunday of Epiphany
10am on 23rd January 2022*

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

A warm welcome to our Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Epiphany. The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).

During this season we focus on the true nature of Jesus as it shines forth in different episodes in his life. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus manifests himself as God through his fulfilment of Scripture and divine teaching in the temple. We join with the Peek family today in the joyful celebration of baby Edwin's baptism and his welcome into the Christian family here at St Peter's.

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 or scanning the QR code. Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.



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THE GATHERING

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

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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 Simon, Rachel and family
as they thank God for the gift of life
and bring Edwin Sidney 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 Edwin grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary and Joseph knew the joys of parenthood,
give to Stuart and Rachel 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 Third Sunday of Epiphany/Christian Unity.

The Collect

Let us pray for the keeping of God on our lives.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as we sing our gradual hymn.

**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.**

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

Gospel Reading

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

There is one body and one Spirit,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

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

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

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood

up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

(Luke 4: 14-21).

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

Stuart and Rachel, to request Christian baptism for Edwin 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 Edwin 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, Abigail, Martin and Adele support Rachel and Stuart's intention for Edwin 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 Sally 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 Edwin,
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 Sally baptises Edwin by pouring water over him and saying:

Edwin Sidney, 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 Sally makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Edwin 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.

Stuart, Rachel and the godparents are invited to sign Edwin with the sign of the cross.

The Welcome

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

Edwin Sidney; 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 Edwin and protect him all of his days.

Grant that Edwin 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 Stuart and Rachel: 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

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

In the spirit of unity:

All **we ask your guidance.**

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

We remain standing as bread and wine are placed on the altar, and we sing our offertory hymn.

Preparation of the Table

**Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.**

**Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer –
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.**

**Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and His word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise His glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!**

The president offers prayer for the preparation of the altar.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.

In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Sing **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Sing **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Peter, Saint Osmund and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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.**

Sing **Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet with you.

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

Reply **Amen.**

We remain seated to sing our post-communion hymn.

**My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy seat,
in depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
and awful purity!**

**O, how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope,
and penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.**

**Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee.**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Announcements are made and Banns of Marriage are called.

The Symbol of Light

Revd Sally 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.

Edwin, 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.

SENDING

Please stand as we sing our final hymn, before we are sent out with God's blessing.

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.**

The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.
And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

*Voluntary – Prelude on Luther's hymn "To God alone on high be Glory"
by Johann PACHELBEL (1653-1706)*