

St Mary's Church, Cogges

**10am Everyone Worshipping Together
with Baptisms and Confirmations**

Sunday 17th June 2018

The Greeting

Bishop Colin greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

Bishop Colin introduces the service.

Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy worthy worthy

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What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark 4:26-34*.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All Age Activity

Sermon

Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The bishop asks those who are candidates for baptism

Do you wish to be baptised?
I do.

The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?
I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?
I am.

Testimony by the candidates is encouraged.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *these candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Decision

The bishop addresses all the candidates

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ as Lord.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says to them

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ**

against sin, the world and the devil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The bishop says

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayer Over the Water

Bishop Colin stands before the Baptismal Pool and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

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 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.**

Baptism

The bishop may address each candidate for baptism by name, saying

N, is this your faith?

and candidates answer in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The bishop or another minister dips each candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying

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

All **Amen.**

The candidates for confirmation who have previously been baptised may come forward to the font and sign themselves with water, or the bishop may sprinkle them.

Then all pray together

All **Almighty God,**

**we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.**

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

**when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Very Big God O

I have a very big God O

He is always by my side

A very big God O

By my side

By my side

(Repeat)

God is big all over me

God is big all over you

God is big all over us

God is big

All over the world

Man's love is so small, it's so small, it's so small (repeat)

but GOD'S LOVE IS SO BIG, IT'S SO BIG, IT'S SO BIG (repeat)

Confirmation

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All **now and for ever. Amen.**

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,

you have given these your servants new birth

in baptism by water and the Spirit,

and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;

the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name.

If oil is used, the bishop anoints them on the forehead with the oil of chrism.

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The bishop then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

All **Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,**

that they may continue yours for ever,

and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more

until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Commission

The bishop may address this Commission to the congregation.

People of God, those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society?
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The congregation greet the newly baptised and confirmed and all may exchange a sign of peace.

Prayers For the Candidates

All say the Lord's Prayer.

The Sending Out

The Blessing

The bishop may use a seasonal blessing or another suitable blessing, or

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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God

(REPEAT)

We are marching in the light of God

(The light of God)

We are marching in the light of God

(The light of God)

We are living in the love of God

We are living in the love of God

(REPEAT)

We are living in the love of God

(The love of God)

We are living in the love of God

(The love of God)

We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
(REPEAT)

We are moving in the power of God
(The power of God)

We are moving in the power of God
(The power of God)

We are marching in the light of God (x4)
We are marching we are marching ooh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching marching we are marching ooh
We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', (Repeat)
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, oooo!
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

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Giving of a Lighted Candle

When all have received a candle, the bishop says

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

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.**

Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund

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The Outreach Fund is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Church worldwide and is generated by offerings across the diocese, particularly at ordinations, confirmations, institutions and licensings.

Through the fund, the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, in areas such as humanitarian need, Christian education, training and mission.

In 2017, the fund received gifts totalling £45,700 and made a total of £43,800 in donations. These donations have supported a number of projects, groups and individuals. Within the diocese, grants were made amongst others to *Pilgrim Hearts Trust* providing night shelter provision in Bracknell, *BeSpace* offering prayer spaces in schools across Oxfordshire, *Clean Slate* providing listening and support services to adults and young people who have been victims of sexual, physical, mental and emotional abuse, *Reading Women's Football Chaplaincy* ministry costs and *Blackbird Leys Youth Project* providing summer holidays for young people.

Our support for projects overseas included *Medic Assist International*, developing sustainable healthcare for neglected communities, *Christian Aid's* appeals in response to the mudslides in Sierra Leone and the refugee crisis for the Rohingya people of Myanmar and airfares for three of our young people from the diocese to be amongst our representatives attending the summit in South Africa with our link diocese of *Kimberley & Kuruman*.