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Bath & Wells

Living the story. Telling the story.

Shaping our Future

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be
God's people living and telling the story of Jesus

We have discerned three priorities for action that need to be at the centre of our diocesan life to help each and every one of us:

- 1. To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do.**
- 2. To realign our ministry resources towards mission.**
- 3. To identify, develop and use the gift of all our people**

*Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit guide us into the future.
Help us, throughout the diocese, to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and
power as we seek the renewal of our lives.
Give us courage, rigour, imagination and generosity in order that your kingdom
may come and your abundant life be known by all. Amen*



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am - Sunday 14th October 2018 - 20th Sunday after Trinity

“Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. Acts 8:37-38

Welcome/Notices

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

Hymn

1 Christ is made our sure foundation,
Christ is Head and Corner-stone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

3 Grant, we pray, to all your people
All the grace they ask to gain;
What they gain from you for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

2 To this temple, we implore you,
Come, great Lord of hosts, today;
Come with all your loving kindness,
Hear your servants as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Shed in all its brightest ray.

4 Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One:
Unified in power and glory,
While unending ages run.

Prayers of Penitence - *We sit or kneel to pray*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

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 for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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. **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 8:1-8

¹And Saul was there, giving approval to his death.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. ⁴Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

1 All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
in His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,
I surrender all,
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

2 All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at His feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now. *Chorus*

3 All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly knowing Thou art mine. *Chorus*

4 All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power,
let Thy blessing fall on me. *Chorus*

5 All to Jesus, I surrender,
now I feel the sacred flame;
oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name! *Chorus*

Second Reading – Acts 8:26-40

[26] Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” [27] So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, [28] and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. [29] The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” [30] Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. [31] “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. [32] The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. [33] In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” [34] The eunuch asked Philip,

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal - *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

To God, who is higher than our highest thoughts, yet closer than our closest friend, be thanks and praise, glory and honour, this day and for evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion
Boundless love that makes us whole;
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter every trembling soul.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more your temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in your perfect love.

3 Finish then your new creation,
Pure and sinless let us be;
Let us see your great salvation,
Perfect in eternity;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before you,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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"Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" [35] Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. [36] As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?" [38] And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. [39] When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk – Philip's witness to Samaria and the ends of the earth - *Jo Vening*

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of Intercession - *We sit or kneel to pray*

Loving God, we thank you for the fellowship of the Church for the privilege of belonging to your people and sharing in the ministry of the Body of Christ. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the fellowship of our church here - for the friendship, encouragement, support and inspiration we gain from it, and for the ties that bind us together in Christ. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for one another - for the various gifts you have given us as a family and for the quirks and characteristics which make us what we are. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the history of this church all those who have run the race before us and to whom we owe our being here now. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for those whose work among us, all who have offered spiritual guidance, nurture and inspiration, and all who have offered a practical ministry, sometimes unseen, unnoticed. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for the possibilities you set before us new avenues of service inviting our response, and new opportunities for witness waiting to be grasped. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

We thank you for all those who use their talents, their time and their energy both here among us and, above all, in the cause of Christ. Unite us in love, **and send us out in faith.**

Loving God, we thank you for the fellowship of the Church for the privilege of belonging to your people and we ask you to help us honour that calling through all we are and do. Unite us in love **and send us out in faith.**

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

Peace - *We stand for the Peace*

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

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

Hymn

1Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; their wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness; one Church, one faith, one Lord.

2Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one faith, one Lord.

3Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life.

Eucharistic Prayer H - *We sit or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one faith, one Lord.

4And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown?

Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one faith, one Lord.

5Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, thy victory shall be won; And then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one faith, one Lord.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray using the words our Saviour 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

The President and people receive communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**