

Welcome to this beautiful Church

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite all those who know and love the Lord Jesus to receive communion. The information below will help you join in the service

The congregation says those parts that are printed in **bold** type. Though our choir leads the worship, everyone is welcome to sing those parts of the service set to music.

You will find the hymn numbers in the weekly pew sheet and on the hymn boards. Verses of hymns marked with an asterisk are normally omitted. The Collect, Psalm and Readings for the day are also found in the pew sheet.

When you come for communion, it helps those distributing the wine if you use a hand to guide the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive communion we hope you will come to receive a blessing. When you come forward please hold this booklet in your hands to show that you desire a blessing.

At every communion service Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please let a sidesman know if you require one.

If you would like to find out more about our parish, or about baptism, confirmation, or marriage, please speak to whoever greeted you when you came to Church. The ministers are always available to speak to anyone in need of counsel or who has questions about the life of faith. Their contact details are in the pew sheet.

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If you require toilet facilities or First Aid please speak to the person who gave you this booklet.



The church has an audio amplification system, and an induction loop is fitted for hearing aid users. Please switch to position 'T'.



Please turn your mobile phone **off** while you are in the church. Phones set to ring silently will still interfere with the sound system.

In case of Fire please follow the directions of the person leading the service.

The Gathering

Introit Hymn

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

One of these or another suitable invitation to confession is used.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Daniel 9.9*

'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' Let us confess our sins to God who forgives us in Christ.

cf Ephesians 4.30f

Kneel or sit

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

or

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus who died for us, forgive us all that is past and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

The Kyrie Eleison is sung

[Kyrie Eleison]

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.	(or)	Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.		Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.		Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The president says

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.**

Stand

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria may be omitted if a large number of children are present

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. 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.

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. Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces and leads the saying of the Collect. All respond **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word



Sit **Readings**

One or more readings may be used.

After each reading the reader says This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

[Responsorial Psalm]

A responsorial Psalm may follow the first reading. This is on the pew sheet The Cantor sings the verses and all make the response in bold type

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.** A Gospel acclamation is sung. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon

Stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen Kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include one of these responses

Hear us	(or)	Lord, in your mercy	(or)	Lord, hear us
hear us	. ,	Hear our Prayer	. ,	Lord, graciously
Good Lord	•			hear us.

The prayers may end with

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with this or another suitable sentence, and then says:

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 and also with you.

The Deacon says Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn

The president takes the bread and wine

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed By whose love heaven is opened By whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise **Blessed be God for ever.**

Kneel or sit

Either this or the second Eucharistic Prayer on page 11 is used.

First Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

One of the following four Acclamations is introduced by the deacon

Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Dying you destroyed our death Rising you restored our life Lord Jesus come in glory

Or

Christ is the bread of life When we eat this bread and drink this cup We proclaim your death Lord Jesus Until you come in glory.

Or

Jesus Christ is Lord Lord by your cross and resurrection You have set us free You are the Saviour of the world Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with (*NN and*) all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with The Lord's Prayer on Page 14.

Second Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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

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

The following may be omitted if an extended Preface is used

Father you made the world and love your creation. You gave your son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*: 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.

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. One of the following four Acclamations is introduced by the deacon

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Or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Dying you destroyed our death Rising you restored our life Lord Jesus come in glory

Or

Christ is the bread of life When we eat this bread and drink this cup We proclaim your death Lord Jesus Until you come in glory.

Or

Jesus Christ is Lord 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 Mary, Botolph 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 **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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, for ever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread and Giving of Communion

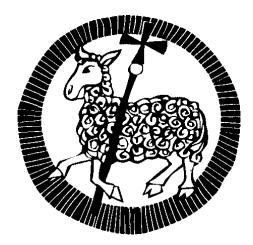
The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

Gods holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen The president and people receive communion. All are welcome to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive please come to the communion rail to have a blessing holding this booklet in your hands to show that you desire a blessing.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen.**



Agnus Dei

Anthems and hymns may be sung during the distribution of Communion.

or

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. Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

When all have returned to their places, Lay Elders collect the Blessed Sacrament to take to those unable to be present.

The President then says the Post Communion prayer.

If there are any Banns of Marriage they are published here.

If any newly baptised are present they are welcomed with the words on Page 20.

The Dismissal

Stand

The Parish Prayer

O God,

guide us and strengthen us in our mission to this parish, and as we are renewed by your Spirit, so may our church be rebuilt to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

The President offers this or another blessing.

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.**

The Deacon says

Go in the light and peace of Christ

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Proper Prefaces

Trinity Sunday

And now we give you thanks because you have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored. And so.....

St Botolph

And now we give you thanks for the work of your servant Botolph, who enlightened Eastern England by his preaching and gave us courage to follow the pilgrim path of true discipleship. And so.....

Birth of John the Baptist

And now we give you thanks because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist, who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour. And so.....

Mary Magdalene

And now we give you thanks that Mary Magdalene, who followed Christ in love, was first to announce that he had risen from the dead. And so.....

The Transfiguration

And now we give you thanks because the divine glory of the incarnate Word shone forth upon the holy mountain before the chosen witnesses of his majesty; and your own voice from heaven proclaimed him to be your beloved Son. And so.....

Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

And now we give you thanks because in choosing the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son you exalted the humble and meek. Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured; all generations call her blessed, and with her rejoice and magnify your holy name. And so.....

Harvest Thanksgiving

And now we give you thanks because you make us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power. And so.....

ABOUT THE SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR

This is the longest season of the Church's year. It begins in late spring immediately after the Feast of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday and ends with the Sunday before All Saints Day which takes us into The Kingdom Season in the Sundays before Advent.

After Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension His disciples met in Jerusalem. During this time the Holy Spirit came down from heaven (Acts 2.1-21) and enabled the disciples to go out into the world and spread the good news of the Gospel. This was the birth of the Church. For this reason the time after Pentecost and Trinity is a season of new beginnings and growth for every Christian. In consequence, the colour of the season is green to symbolise growth and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5.22-25), which every Christian should try to have in their life.

We spend this season looking at our relationships with God, our care for God's people, and our message to those outside the Church. It is a time when we develop our relationship with the risen Christ. In this Season the hard work of the Christian life begins as, Sunday by Sunday, we read through one of the Gospels and try to model our lives on that of Christ.

During this time after Easter there are several feast days. For us at Whitton these include our patronal festivals for Ascension Day (on the Thursday 40 days after Easter), St Botolph (17th June), The Assumption of St Mary (at Akenham on a Sunday in August) and The Nativity of St Mary (8th September).

In this green season we also celebrate, appropriately, Harvest Festival.

On All Saints Day (1st November) and on All Souls Day (2nd November) we remember that life itself is a harvest and take special time to remember those who are now at rest in heaven. The names of those from our parish who have fallen in war are remembered in a special service on Remembrance Sunday (the Second Sunday of November). On remembrance Day 11th November there is a short Service at the memorial at Akenham.

The Welcome and the Giving of a Lighted Candle

The newly baptised are welcomed into the family of the Church and given a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. When all have received a candle...

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and given us a place with the saints in light. *N* and *N*. you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N. and N.* by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Applause is appropriate. The service concludes with The Dismissal



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