



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

30th July 2023– Trinity 8, Proper 12

Informal Eucharist 10.00

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We welcome Sophia Elizabeth Bunyan into the community of the Church through baptism. A warm welcome to her family and friends.

Welcomers: Jaqueline Hanniff-Bentham, Jenny Miller

Server: Julie Adesina

Chalice: Jenny Scotchmer

Lessons: Mary Martyn

Celebrant: Jude Bullock

Music: Peter Stannard

HYMN 510 Morning has broken

GATHERING

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

The Lord be with you
and also with you.



PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS AND BLESSING OF WATER

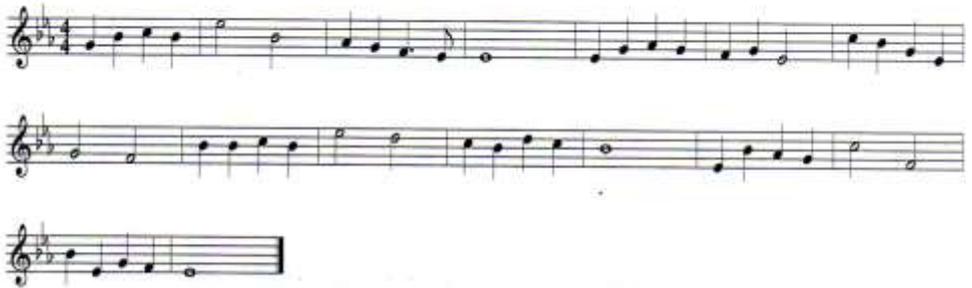
In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new

<i>This week</i>	Friday	4th August	10.00	Eucharist
	Saturday	5th August	10.00	Table top sale
	Sunday	7th August	10.00	Parish Eucharist

life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, Your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



GLORIA

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the Earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!**

COLLECT

Let us pray

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments; that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans

If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

HYMN 467

Lord of all hopefulness

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

REFLECTION

HYMN **479** Lord the light of your love is shining

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Sophia
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Sophia with joy.
Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.
Will you pray for her,
draw her by your example into the community of faith
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Sophia begins her journey in faith.
You speak for her today.
Will you care for her,
and help her to take her place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

All With the help of God, we will.

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.

Sophia is anointed with oil of catechumens

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be
ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**May the love of Christ guide you every day of your
life.**

May almighty God restore in you the image of his
glory, and lead you in the light and service of Christ.

Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal promises

As we celebrate the resurrection and ascension of
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember
that through the paschal mystery we have died and
been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise
with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our
allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask
these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?



I renounce evil.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

With the help of God I will

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and into which Sophia will be baptized. The faith in which you live and grow. Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**



Sophia is then brought to the font and water is poured over her head 3 times

Sophia Elizabeth Bunyon I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of blessing for the newly baptised

May your days be long on this rich earth
May you know health, peace and justice

May your life be filled with laughter and fun
May you be surrounded with good friends
May you know what it is to love and be loved.

May your footing be sure and your pathway clear

May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

May the rains fall softly on your head

And may God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit hold you in the hollow of his hand and may his rich blessing be upon you today and for ever more.

Amen

INTERCESSIONS

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for those who need to be remembered: For those who have made the headlines today because of what they have done or said:

for those who care for us and for those we care for:

For Sophia who today has received new life in baptism

For those who are sick or in trouble:

For those whom the words 'Peace and Justice' bring to mind:

For those for whom we have a special concern.

For our precious mother, the earth, that we learn to care for her and reverse the damage we, the human family, have caused.

For those who have died and those we remember with love and affection.

Finally we pray for ourselves.

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

SIGN OF PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer to each other a sign of peace

HYMN 692 **Tell out my soul**

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

**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.**

Amen.

The Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and
this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



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

Amen.

And now, we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth as Jesus taught us

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

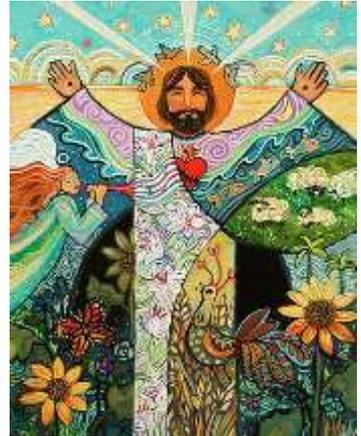
Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.**

Now and for ever. Amen



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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your Peace.

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Presentation of the Baptism candle

Through his death and resurrection Jesus has brought the light of hope into the world. Sophia you have received today the light of Christ; the light no darkness can overcome. Walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

BLESSING OF SOPHIA'S PARENTS, GODPARENTS, FAMILY AND ALL WHO WILL CARE FOR HER

Faithful and loving God, bless Mia and Zach, Sophia's parents, their families and all those who will care for her. Grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

BLESSING

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 36

And can it be

'If you think you are too small to make a difference—try sleeping **with a mosquito.**'

HH the Dalai Lama

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*We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.*



. Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

Table Top Sale Next Saturday (6th August) there will be a table top sale in front of the church (weather depending). If anyone would like a table, all welcome —please have a word with Heather, Lindsey, Jenny, Mick or myself. There is no charge for the table, however we strongly suggest that a donation towards Haven House would be most welcome. We will also need helpers to staff tables, help set up and help with teas and coffees etc—also cakes will never be knowingly turned away... and are always most gratefully received.

African Caribbean evening: Saturday August 19th: All welcome. Fantastic fun, fantastic drink and food, music and entertainment. Details to follow next week.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for July: 1st Joseph Nye, Ethel Fernley, Stella Bickerstaff, 11th Margaret Bridger, 20th Jean Sherman, 22nd Edith Mears, 24th Penny Rolfe.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen