

## Notice Board

### Piano recital by Alastair Blay

The Friends of St John's invite you to a piano recital by Alastair Blay on Saturday 9 Apr 7.30pm



'From Bach to Prokofiev':

A musical journey through time.

Admission free - donations to the Friends' funds for the fabric of the church. Refreshments during interval. Everyone welcome.

### Revision of Church Electoral Roll

If your name is at present on the roll you need do nothing. If your name is not on the roll and you would like an application form, please contact Jean Folkard, Electoral Roll Officer (tel. 01359-242099) before 2 April 2016.

### Parochial Church Council

At the annual church meetings on Sunday 24 April three members of St John's Church will be elected to serve on the Council for a three year period. If you are interested in serving on the PCC and would like to be included in this election, please see Jean Folkard for a nomination form.

### The week ahead

There is no CYFA Group or Coffee Break this week.

CYFA restarts on 10 April

Coffee Break resumes Monday April 11

### Looking Further Ahead

**Tue 5 Apr** 7.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

**Sat 9 Apr** 9.00am Prayer meeting in church.

**Fri 22 Apr** 11.30am Ladies' Lunch at the Wesley Centre, School Road. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of church.

**Sat 23 Apr** 9.00am Prayer meeting in church.

**Sat 24 Apr** 10.30am Annual Church Meetings in church.



Please take this notice sheet home with you as a reminder of future events



**Next Sunday (3 April)**

**9.30am All Age Service**

**11.00am BCP Holy Communion**



# Happy Easter

## Welcome to St John's Church, Elmswell



*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."*  
Matthew 28:6

## All Age Communion Service with the Baptism of Benjamin & Isabelle Pitwood-Barratt

**Sunday 27th March 2016  
10:30am**

Our aim is to know Christ and make Him known

If you are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you.

Everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church room after the service.

## Welcome

Hymn 357 Jesus Christ is risen today

## Easter Video

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Confession

Lord Jesus, forgive us for turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives:

**Save us and help us**

Lord Jesus, forgive us behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you:

**Save us and help us**

Lord Jesus, forgive us for failing you by what we do,  
and think and say:

**Save us and help us**

Lord Jesus, forgive us for letting ourselves be drawn  
away from you by the temptations around us:

**Save us and help us**

May almighty God, who loved the world so much  
he gave us his only Son to die for us,  
bring us his pardon and peace.

**Amen**

## Introduction

Song 633 Thank you, Jesus

## The Baptism of Benjamin and Isabelle

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 children  
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

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

*The minister addresses the parents and godparents*  
Parents and godparents, the Church receives these  
children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their  
growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example  
into the community of faith and walk with them in the  
way of Christ?

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

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith.  
You speak for them today.

Will you care for them, and help them to take their  
place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

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

## The Decision

*The minister addresses the parents and godparents*  
You have brought Benjamin and Isabelle to baptism  
knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and  
trusting in God's great promises.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

**All** 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.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*The people receive Communion*

### Prayer after Communion

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

**Hymn 549** Our eyes have seen the glory

### The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All** Amen.

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All** Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All** Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

As they grow up, Benjamin and Isabelle will need our help and encouragement so that they may learn to know Christ as friend and saviour and follow him as Lord.

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 as Saviour?  
**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
**I submit to Christ.**

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

### The Prayer over the Water

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We thank you especially for the water of baptism as a sign that:

we are buried with Christ in his death  
we share in his resurrection  
we look forward to rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Set apart this water, that in due time Benjamin and Isabelle may be cleansed from all sin and born again into the fullness of eternal life. 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.

**Amen.**

### The Profession of Faith

*The minister addresses the congregation*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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.**

## The Baptism and signing with the Cross

*The minister pours water on each child saying:*  
I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Benjamin and Isabelle, 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.**

**Song** 14 All heaven declares

## The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

**Bible reading: Luke 24:1-12** (Gavin Payne)

**Talk** (Peter Goodridge)

**Choir** "Proclaim, proclaim the story"

**Prayers** (Various Children)

**Song** See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

*Keith Getty/Stuart Townend*

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## The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,  
loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and  
the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour,  
Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died  
to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the  
dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high. And so we  
join the angels to celebrate and say:

**All: 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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a  
meal with his friends. He took the bread, and  
thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this  
to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He  
thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this,  
all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's  
unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**All: Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**All: Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**All: Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember  
his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's  
body and his blood.