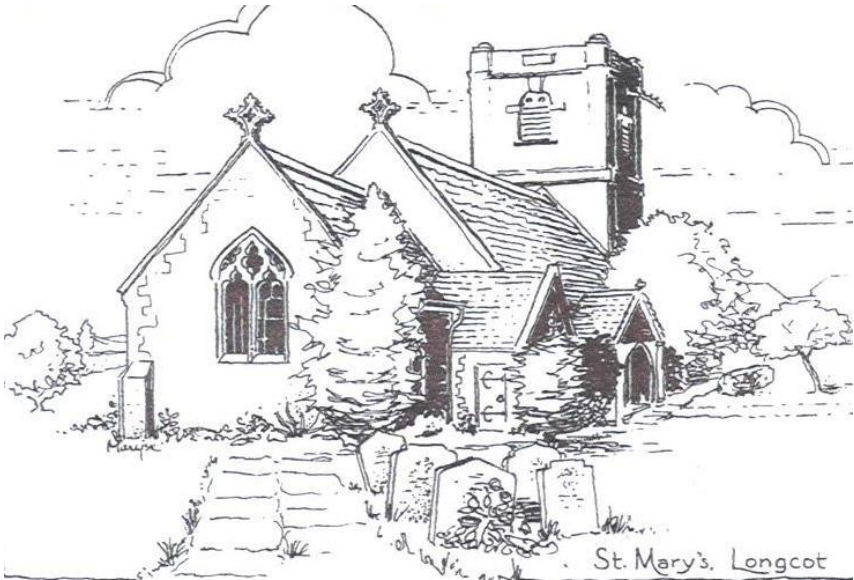


St Mary the Virgin, Longcot

Sunday 29 May, 2022, at 11am



**A Service of Holy Communion
led by
the Ven Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester**

followed by

**The Opening of the Community Hub
by
Marjorie Neasham Glasgow BEM,
Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire**

The Gathering

Introit: Glory to the Lamb by David Blackwell

Welcome

Hymn: As the deer pants for the water

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

You alone are my strength, my shield ...

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield ...

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

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession *[Please sit or kneel]*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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.

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 Gloria *[Please stand]*

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 *[Please sit or kneel]*

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great
triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave
us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen
us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is
gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading *[Please sit]*

Acts 16: 16-34

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Love divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
never more they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Gospel Reading, John 17: 20-end *[Please stand]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

Sermon *The Ven Judy French*

The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

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.

Prayers of Intercession *[Please sit or kneel]*

This or other seasonal responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *[Please stand]*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The congregation may exchange the sign of peace.

Hymn: The head that once was crowned with thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'n's eternal light:

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is giv'n;
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with the Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Preparation of the Table

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day
is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered
the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This
day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds your word and makes himself known in the

breaking of bread. And though night will overcome this day, you summon us to live in endless light, the never ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of 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.

[Please sit or kneel]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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

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.

Agnus Dei

**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.**

Giving of Communion

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

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

Please note that the sacrament is currently being distributed in one kind only. In order to maintain an element of social distancing, there will be three distribution points.

The response to “The body of Christ” is “Amen.”

ANTHEM: Ave Verum Corpus *by WA Mozart*

Post Communion Prayer

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**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son .

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son ...

The Dismissal

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**A retiring collection will be taken in aid of the ongoing
ministry and mission of St Mary's**

**Please stay for the opening of the community hub
and refreshments after the service**

**Thank you to everyone who has made this morning's
service possible, especially**

The Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice Choir

**The musicians: Mark Lacy, Catriona Scott,
Victoria Medcalf and Tim Payne**

**Our caterers, cleaners and flower arrangers
for providing the refreshments and making the
church so beautiful**

THE LONGCOT VILLAGE TRUST

In about 1995 the Longcot community, in partnership with the Local Education Authority (LEA), raised funds to develop a small Community Room, as an extension to Longcot & Fernham School. This extension was then leased to the Longcot & Fernham Village Hall Committee (LFVHC) charity.

In 2010 the Longcot 800 Committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Longcot & Fernham Parochial Church Council (PCC) to investigate the modification of St Mary's church to meet the need for a larger space, capable of being used for a variety of community activities, and to free the Community Room for use by the School. This group created a design brief for an architectural competition in 2014, leading to the commissioning of Christian Randall (Conservation Architects) to turn the brief into a formal proposal to:

- Make the existing building as user friendly as possible
- Improve the entrances/flooring to allow unimpeded access for disabled users
- Future proof the structure and systems of the building into the foreseeable future
- Make the building accessible for able-bodied and disabled users and provide appropriate toilets

A Faculty for this work was granted by the Diocese of Oxford in June 2017. ABS Builders were appointed to carry out the work after due process.

Meanwhile the LEA terminated the Community Room lease and the associated £30,000 in compensation was used by

Longcot 800 and the Longcot Parish Council to create the Longcot Village Trust (charity number 10530520) on 28 February 2018.

The Object of the Trust is “the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Longcot in the County of Oxford in such charitable ways as the trustees think fit.” The Trust has subsequently managed the fundraising, project management and future administration of the St Mary’s Community Hub project, and is now supporting other village projects. The support of Paul Baird in our fundraising is gratefully acknowledged.

The Villagers of Longcot would like to thank everybody who contributed so generously to the Longcot Village Trust Project through the gift of their time, expertise, and funds.

They also wish to acknowledge the substantial financial contributions of the following grant-giving bodies:

Action for Communities in Rural England
Oxford Historic Churches Trust
Oxford Diocesan Development Fund
Garfield Weston Foundation
Allchurches Trust
Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Beatrice Laing Trust
Staff Representatives Group, Diocese of Oxford
Gerald Palmer Eling Trust
Waitrose Community Matters