



Welcome to

St John the Baptist, Midsomer Norton

The 6th Sunday of Easter

22.05.2022

8.00am **Holy Eucharist**

10.00 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.30 am **Holy Baptism** we welcome the family and friends of
Edward Bird

Please pray for: -

The Residents of:- Clapton Road, Woodside, Mandy Meadows & Longvernal.

The Sick: - Rose Stenner, Irene Leet, Pat Gilham, Faye McDermott, John Norman, Robert Briggs, Guy Coxeter

The Departed:- Judith Gore

Years Mind: -(Th) Stephen Spooner, Peter Cobb Pr. (F) Rosie Shears.

Hymn: 346

The Collect:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 16 verses 9-15.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 174

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
and the living one; I was dead,
and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 5 verses 1 - 9.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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

Intercessions are led by Colin Tincknell

Offertory Hymn: 443

Communion Hymn: 553

Post Communion:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn: 400

