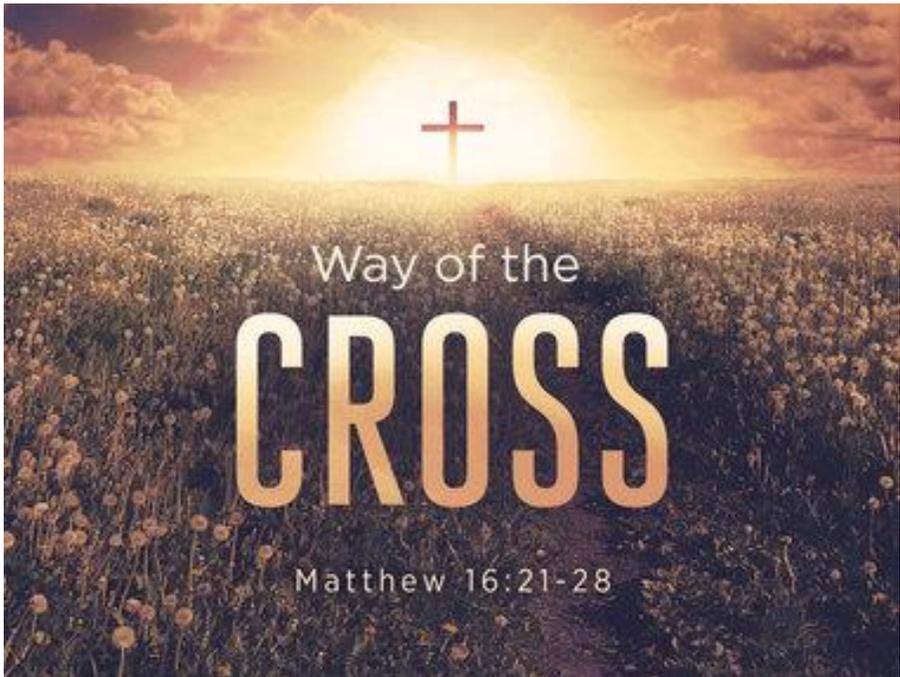


**Holy Communion**  
**for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
*at Home due to Coronavirus COVID-19*



*The Benefice of Stoke by Nayland with Polstead and  
Leavenheath, and Nayland with Wissington*

## **Spiritual Communion**

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ.

In joining with Revd Mark today who will be celebrating the Eucharist from his home, you too are able to join with him in communion. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

We have now begun to cautiously reintroduce Public Services in 2 of the 5 churches in the benefice. For the time being there will now be the following services available each Sunday:

**9am – Simple Holy Communion – St James', Nayland**

**10am – Online Holy Communion – Facebook/YouTube**

**11am – Simple Lay-Led Morning Prayer – St Mary's, Stoke by Nayland**

For practical reasons at the moment it is not possible to resume services in Leavenheath, Polstead or Wiston, but this will be reviewed regularly, and we will advise when these begin in due course.

## **Hymn – Tell out, my soul (*Magnificat*)**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
powers and dominions lay their glory by,  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.

*(Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926)*

## **The Gathering**

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

**All: Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from who 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**

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law  
and the prophets.

**All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful  
to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and  
faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**All: 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.**

## **The Kyrie Eleison**

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

Minister: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All: 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**

Minister: Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **New Testament Reading (*Romans 12:9-21 NRSV*)**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them;

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading (*Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV*)**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Creed**

**All: 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**

Minister: For the suffering in the Church and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Give grace to the Church to show forth the death of our Lord, to follow where he leads and proclaim his salvation. Give courage and strength to all ministers of the gospel when their burdens are heavy.

Forgive the greed for material wealth that damages many lives in the world. Have pity on all who are in misery through the own selfishness of by the indifference of those who rule them. Bring them into the way of service and salvation.

In our daily pilgrimage may we bear with gladness both the troubles that come to us and the little things which tempt us to impatience. As we see Christ in all things, may we bring his light to all whose way through this world is joined with ours.

Have mercy on those who bear the heavy crosses of sickness or poverty, of loneliness or bereavement. Bless and relieve all who suffer contempt and persecution for the faith they profess.

We pray for those who having laid aside their burdens have seen the Son of Man in his glory as Son of God and are with him for ever. Give us grace so to follow his Cross in this world that we may at last enter into eternal life.

We pray in the name of Christ who has borne our sins and our sorrows.

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Minister: 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. *(cf. Galatians 3:28)*  
**All: and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Altar**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Minister: The Lord is here.  
**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: it is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.  
You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of  
grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by  
your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy  
and peace.  
As we watch for signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

**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.**

Minister: Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,

he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave himself for us all  
he 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.

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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the  
cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from  
the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand  
on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your  
creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a  
perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast  
with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus  
Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Minister: Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**All: 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**

Minister: 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.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

**All: 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**

Minister: Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is  
always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may  
be made clean by his body and our souls washed  
through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he  
in us. Amen.**

The Minister receives communion on behalf of all those in our community who are unable to be present because of the Coronavirus.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.  
God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 – Lift high the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.

Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne.

*Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956), George William Kitchin (1827-1912)*

## The Dismissal

Minister: May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
*(cf. Romans 15:5-6)*  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: Stay at home in peace to love and serve the Lord.

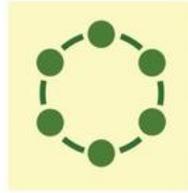
**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Like many other charities, our much valued Parish Churches in this Benefice are facing a significant reduction in income and giving as a result of many in our regular congregations still not being able to attend our Sunday and other services, this is in addition to the impact of having to cancel many significant fundraising events because of the virus. Whilst we are doing all that we can to mitigate our expenses we cannot reduce them entirely and so are reliant on all of you to continue to give as generously as you can to your church.

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