

# St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

## Service Appendix – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

### Hymns

Gathering:	<b>565</b>	Praise my soul the King of heaven
Gradual:	<b>772</b>	All of the people
Offertory:	<b>558</b>	Praise and thanksgiving
Communion:	<b>923</b>	Bless the Lord my soul
Post communion:	<b>201</b>	Give me joy in my heart

### Words of Introduction

A very warm welcome to our hybrid Sunday service as we join together with some people here in the church and others online at home. Today we welcome Otis and Eve, and their family and friends who have come to support them as they are baptised.

*After the Confession & Absolution, please turn to the Order of Service for Baptism within a Eucharist*

### Old Testament Reading: (Jeremiah 28: 5-9)

Then in the presence of the priests and of all the people who were standing in the Temple, I said to Hananiah, "Wonderful! I hope the Lord will do this! I certainly hope he will make your prophecy come true and will bring back from Babylonia all the Temple treasures and all the people who were taken away as prisoners.

But listen to what I say to you and to the people. The prophets who spoke long ago, before my time and yours, predicted that war, starvation, and disease would come to many nations and powerful kingdoms. But a prophet who predicts peace can only be recognized as a prophet whom the Lord has truly sent when that prophet's predictions come true."

*For the word of the Lord*

***thanks be to God***

### Baptism Reading (Mark 10: 13-16)

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this he was angry and said to his disciples, 'Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it. Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them, and blessed them.

*For the word of the Lord*

***thanks be to God***

### Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes God's messenger because

he is God's messenger, will share in his reward. And whoever welcomes a good man because he is good, will share in his reward. You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, O Christ***

***After the baptism we return to the Communion order of service***

### **The Peace**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***and also with you***

### **Closing Prayer**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **The Blessing**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
now and always.

**Amen**