

Living God, inspire us now through the living presence of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk boldly into this new week, with new faith and purpose. Help us to forget ourselves and to look outwards, so that we might bring light to those for whom life seems dark. Teach us to live this and every day in the warmth of your presence, illuminated by your radiance, refreshed by your cleansing touch and renewed by your power. Meet with us now, in all your glory, **and help us to meet with you.**

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

Talk – ‘The weary builders’ – *Joy Fraser*

Blessing and Dismissal - *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*
Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

Hymn

1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on his way!
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE

10am - Sunday 30th Oct 2011 - All Saints Sunday

‘From this day on I will bless you.’ Haggai 2:19

Welcome/Notices

Hymn

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| 1 | Father, we love You,
we worship and adore You:
glorify Your name
in all the earth.
Glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
in all the earth. | Glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
in all the earth. |
| 2 | Jesus, we love You,
we worship and adore You:
glorify Your name
in all the earth. | |
| 3 | Spirit, we love You,
we worship and adore You:
glorify Your name
in all the earth.
Glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
glorify Your name,
in all the earth. | |

Confession

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

First Reading – Galatians 6:1-10

[1] Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. [2] Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. [3] If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, [5] for each one should carry his own load. [6] Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. [7] Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. [8] The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. [9] Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. [10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Hymn

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

Second Reading – Haggai 2:10-19

[10] On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai: [11] “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Ask the priests what the law says: [12] If a person carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, oil or other food, does it become consecrated?’” The priests answered, “No.” [13] Then Haggai said, “If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?” “Yes,” the priests replied, “it becomes defiled.” [14] Then Haggai said, “So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,’ declares the LORD. ‘Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled. [15] “Now give careful thought to this from this day on —consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple. [16] When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. [17] I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not turn to me,’ declares the LORD. [18] ‘From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: [19] Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. “From this day on I will bless you.”

Hymn

1 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The collect for All Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 forever. **Amen.**

Prayers

Loving God, we thank you that you are here among us as we join to worship you - here as a loving Father watching over his children, as our Lord yet also our friend in the person of Jesus, as an ever-present reality through the daily experience of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us that we have lost sight sometimes of your living presence, and open our eyes afresh to all that you are and everything you are doing. Meet with us now, in all your glory, **and help us to meet with you.**

Father God, we recognise our need of you, and we acknowledge our emptiness deep within. We have chased after illusory fulfilment, turning our backs on where true happiness lies. Help us to recognise everything you have given us if only we could but see it - the wonder of your love, the constancy of your care and the greatness of your mercy. Teach us to put our trust in you, and to seek your kingdom and righteousness, and so fill us again with hope, joy and peace. Meet with us now, in all your glory, **and help us to meet with you.**

Gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in Christ, demonstrating the immensity of your love and the awesome extent of your mercy, yet still sometimes our faith grows cold. You have offered us a new beginning, renewal and redemption through his life-giving sacrifice, yet still, time and again, we go astray. Draw closer to us through the risen Christ, and inspire us with a vision of what life can be like through his grace. Meet with us now, in all your glory, **and help us to meet with you.**