



**Experience  
Hope**

9am Service



**BAPTISM  
SUNDAY**



**19th November 2023**

**Our Vision:**

To be a loving and growing community  
released and empowered to join in God's work  
of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news  
to Egham and beyond

***We welcome our brother Mike who is renewing his baptism vows today***

***Organ Music***

***Welcome***

*You can find the latest Newsletter on our Website and Facebook Group. To keep up to date with events and news, please find us and follow us on Social Media.*

***Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom 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.**

***Opening Hymn***

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;**

How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine

John Newton 1725-1807

### **The Baptism Reaffirmation**

Mike, have you been baptized  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?  
**I have.**

Are you ready with your own mouth  
and from your own heart  
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I am.**

### **Decision**

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

### **Supporting Friend**

Will you do all that you can to help and support Mike in his discipleship

**With the help of God, I will.**

### **Congregation**

Will you love, encourage, and support our brother in Christ, by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with Mike the faith of the Church.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Mike, is this your faith?

**This is my faith.**

## ***Testimony***

### **Signing with the cross**

*(Using oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit)*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life**

### **Prayer over the Water**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your son Jesus.

On him you poured your Spirit

at his baptism in the river Jordan.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,

that as Mike is renewed in it

he may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your

Spirit and know himself to be loved as your son,

Safe in Christ forever. **Amen**

### ***Reaffirmation of Baptism***

As into Jesus Christ you were baptised,

so I pray God who began a good work in you,

will continue to do so in Christ Jesus.

**Amen**

Mike, I affirm your baptism vows in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **A Candle is Given to the Newly Baptised**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Continue to walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **The Celebration (Gift)**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We rejoice in our gospel partnership

**We celebrate your faith and ours**

***Baptism Party get changed.***

## **The Ministry of the Word**

**Reading:** Luke 10.1-23 **Barry Audsley**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Anthem: Be Still, for the presence of the Lord*** - arr. Richard Shephard

**Sermon:** Released **Michael Callaghan**

## ***Response Song:***

**I am a new creation**

No more in condemnation

Here in the grace of God I stand

My heart is overflowing  
My love just keeps on growing  
Here in the grace of God I stand

*And I will praise You Lord  
Yes I will praise You Lord  
And I will sing of all that You have done  
A joy that knows no limit  
A lightness in my spirit  
Here in the grace of God I stand*

Dave Bilbrough © 1983 Thankyou Music

***Intercessions:*** Susan Scott  
Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

***Lord's Prayer***  
**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.**

***For all the Baptised - Renewal of Vows***

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

***Affirmation of Commitment***

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,  
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

*In the stillness we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us anew*

### ***Closing Sentences and Blessing***

#### ***Closing Hymn***

**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

Tim Dudley-Smith b.1926

### ***Dismissal***

Go to your community (virtual or physical)  
and tell them how much the Lord has done for you  
and how he has had mercy on you.

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

*(cf. Mark 5.19)*

### ***Organ Music***

***The next Baptism Service will be on 24 March 2024.  
Do get in touch with the Church Office if you would like  
to be baptised or to renew your Baptism vows***