

The Parish Church of All Saints', Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

FAMILY WORSHIP
with Baptism of Imogen Hellewell

Sunday 8 August 2021



Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! And a very special welcome today to Imogen, her parents, Charlotte and Paul, her brother Jaxon, their family and all who are here to support them as Imogen begins life in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please spend time in quietness before the service begins. You might like to reflect on the words of Psalm 34 which we shall read together during the service.

INTRODUCTION and OPENING HYMN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zG3wOkWyYAA>

AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm 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 hath 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.

When I've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
I've no less days to sing God's praise
than when I'd first begun.

vs.1-4: John Newton (1725-1807) alt., vs.5: John Rees (1828-1900)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 34:1-9

(From "The Message")

I bless God every chance I get;
my lungs expand with his praise.

**I live and breathe God;
if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:**

Join me in spreading the news;
together let's get the word out.

**God met me more than halfway,
he freed me from my anxious fears.**

Look at him; give him your warmest smile.
Never hide your feelings from him.

**When I was desperate, I called out,
and God got me out of a tight spot.**

God's angel sets up a circle
of protection around us while we pray.

**Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—
how good God is.
Blessed are you who run to him.**

Worship God if you want the best;
worship opens doors to all his goodness.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Peter 3:8-22

(From "The Message")

Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

Whoever wants to embrace life
and see the day fill up with good,
Here's what you do:
Say nothing evil or hurtful;
Snub evil and cultivate good;
run after peace for all you're worth.
God looks on all this with approval,
listening and responding well to what he's asked;
But he turns his back
on those who do evil things.

If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath. It's better to suffer for doing good, if that's what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad. That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.

He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few were saved then, eight to be exact — saved from the water by the water. The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience. Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.

TALK

Revd Jeremy Groombridge

SONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=op17raOTXbk>

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING,

in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

PRAYERS including *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Imogen who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:
Will you support Imogen as she begins her journey of faith?
We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Imogen today.
Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?
We will.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The minister turns to Imogen's Supporting Friend:

As Imogen's Supporting Friend, will you offer your care and your love to her as she grows up, celebrating with her in times of joy, and supporting her through times of difficulty?

I will.

Signing With The Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Imogen's forehead saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Parents, godparents and supporting friend bring Imogen to the font.

The minister prays over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

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

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,

that this little one who is baptised in it

may be cleansed in the water of life,

and, filled with your Spirit,

may know that she is loved as your child,

safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

The people affirm their Christian faith

Let us affirm, together with this little one who is being
baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being
and life,

the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human
nature,

died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life
to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Imogen, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Imogen, may God, who has received you by baptism into his
Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may
daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Imogen
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon
them your healing and reconciling
love, and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to Imogen: The minister says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

*Parents and godparents and supporting friend return to their
places.*

GIVING OF A CANDLE

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

Imogen, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

SONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8eorCEMIK4>

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Songwriter: Jon Cohen

Our Parish Prayer

**God of hope and love,
You have called us to proclaim the saving power of the
name of Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood,
sharing the Good News of his love which changes our
lives.**

**We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your
guidance.**

**As we worship, learn, tell and serve,
may we know the power of your Spirit among us;
may our homes and our churches be places of welcome
and safety;**

**may many come to know the forgiveness and peace
that are found in Jesus alone.**

**May we find joy as we follow him day by day,
with courage to speak out against injustice,
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another
and for our community,**

**and a new respect for the beautiful world
in which you have placed us.**

**May your kingdom come, your will be done
and your love be known by all.**

In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Concluding Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, settle and strengthen you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ, Amen.

