



# Putnoe Heights Church Bedford



**Family Service 4 November 2007**

## **Welcome**

We especially welcome to our service today the families and friends of Emily Grace Jones and Skye Annabel Sheppard who have been brought for baptism.

## **A Verse from Scripture Psalm 84 v 1**

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Minister: Loving God, we have come to worship you

**All: Help us to remember that you are here with us.  
May we pray to you in faith,  
sing your praise with gratitude,  
and listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For all the saints who went before us,  
Who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,  
**We praise you, O God**

For all the saints who live beside us,  
Whose weaknesses and strengths are woven into our own,  
**We praise you, O God**

For all the saints who live beyond us,  
Who challenge us to change the world with them,  
**We praise you, O God**

## **Hymn**

Lo He comes with clouds descending, 424

## **Confession**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace, and nourish *you* with his blessing; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

## **The Offering**

*After the offering is collected it may be brought forward.*

*The people stand as it is presented and say*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## **The Baptism**

*Please use your blue baptism booklets*

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## **Gift Aid**



Thank you to those people who have already made their offering to the church by standing order. If you are a tax payer please use envelopes or a standing order, so that we can claim the tax back. Envelopes are available each Sunday in the church.

## Hymn

Fear not rejoice and be glad, 144

## The Collect Prayers and Bible Readings

*You may follow the bible readings in Partnership News*

First Bible Reading Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel Reading Luke 6:20-31

### **A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray**

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Common Worship Shorter Collect)*

*At the end of each reading the following words are used*

Reader This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

For all the saints, 148 (Verses 1, 2, 6, 7, 8)

## The Sermon

The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

## Hymn

Sing to God new songs of worship 600

We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land, and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination. *Pope John Paul II, All Saints' Day 2003*

## **Prayers**

Led by Mrs Wendy Waters

Bidding Lord of love and hope

**Response Let your glory shine**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

### **The 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.**

### **HYMN**

Ye holy angels bright, 783

### **THE BLESSING**

Minister Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord

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

*Thank you to all those who have helped prepare our  
churches or helped us in our worship this morning*