



THE UNITED PARISH

*Journeying together,
we worship God and serve the community*

The United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

ROGATION FAMILY SERVICE

**Sunday 29th May 2016 9.30am
St Mary's Church Mapledurwell**



Please say the words in **bold type**.

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

HYMN

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory ever more.**

Heavenly Father, in our worship help us to sing your praises, to confess our sins, to hear your word and bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING (Isaiah 55:12 - 56:1)

We say sorry to God and ask his forgiveness.

Dear Lord, we are sorry for our failure to acknowledge that all the world belongs to you, and that we are responsible to you for its well-being. Forgive us all the ways we spoil your beautiful creation by our carelessness and greed. And help us to love and serve you by loving and serving all our friends and neighbours. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession to the Door

Let us now leave this place of worship, built to the glory of God and go out into the glory of his creation.

PART WAY DOWN CHURCH LANE

There are lots of fields in and around our five villages. Some of them have animals in them - cows, sheep and horses - and some of them have crops growing in them. We always love seeing the sheep when they are grazing in this field.

READING (Deuteronomy 11: 13-15)

We sing:

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER

O Lord, you send the rain and the sun so the grass may grow. Bless all our fields: may they provide nourishment for the animals pastured in them, cereal crops and cornfields for a good harvest and roots and vegetables to sustain and nourish both humans and animals. We thank you for the farmers and their families, for all their hard work. Bless their labours and give them health and strength for their daily work. **Amen.**

AT THE POND

As we stand here we are reminded of God's gift to us of water - water that gives life to us and to all creation. This is a place too where we gather for Carols at Christmas time and for fun at the Children's Regatta, a place where neighbours stop and talk and where walkers and cyclists pause to rest. And just along the road is The Gamekeepers - a place to relax and meet with friends.

READING

Take time to THINK	it is the source of power.
Take time to PLAY	it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to READ	it is the fountain of wisdom
Take time to PRAY	it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to LOVE and BE LOVED	it is a God-given privilege.
Take time to BE FRIENDLY	it is the road to happiness.
Take time to LAUGH	it is the music of the soul.
Take time to GIVE	it is too short a life to be selfish.

We sing:

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

PRAYER

We thank you Lord for all the places where we can relax and have fun with our families and friends. Help us not to get too wrapped up in our work but to follow your example and put time aside to rest. Thank you for those people in this village who organise and maintain these places of entertainment - the Village Hall Committee, the parish council and those who work at the pub. May they be blessed in all they do.

Amen.

By IVY HOUSE

Here we can see just a few of the Mapledurwell houses and of course there are lots more - homes for families of all shapes and sizes! Our villages are nothing without the people that live in them.

READING (Matthew 7: 24-27)

We sing:

**All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER

May God bless these houses and those who live in them. May all the loving here be as strong as a house built on the rock, withstanding the storms of life.

May God bless all our houses and we who live in them. May all our loving there be as strong as a house built on rock, withstanding the storms of life.

May God bless all those who work in our village. We thank you for their skills and their abilities. May they build their lives and their work on strong foundations withstanding the storms of life.

Amen.

BY ALAN'S BARN

We stand here by Alan's Barn, a place of work, home for all this incredible machinery, close to farmhouse and fields, a place that reminds us of the rhythm of changing seasons and the toil and labour that goes into producing so much of our food.

READING (Deuteronomy 8: 11-14, 17-18)

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees....Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down and when your herds and flocks grow large... and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers.'

We sing:

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

PRAYER

We thank you heavenly Father for the hard work which takes place in this place and ask your blessing on Alan and Charlotte and their family and on the whole enterprise here. We thank you for all the machines that take so much of the toil out of our labour.

Keep all the food, equipment and materials in this place safe from disease, pollution and theft, so that they may play their part in bringing in a harvest to feed and clothe your world.

Amen.

We make our way back to the Church, stopping by the gate.

As we stand by the gate into the churchyard we remember all those who have lived in this village before us through many generations, ploughing its fields, living in its houses, enjoying the beautiful countryside.

PRAYER

Support us O Lord all the day long of this troublous life,
Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
The busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over
And our work is done.

Then Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
A holy rest and peace at the last;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IN CHURCH

HYMN

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 forever wilt be.

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

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...

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!

Great is thy faithfulness...

BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stay for refreshments after the service

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Our Mission is to:

- ✝ work together to grow God's kingdom**
- ✝ reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- ✝ be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**

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