

## Welcome to Mulbarton Church

### Notices

- Hethel Walk, 2:30pm
- Evening "Together"
- Coronation Weekend

### Special Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be  
gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### Introductory Activity:

Going on a Journey

### (Sorry Prayers) Confession:

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you  
our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

### (Affirmation of our forgiveness) Absolution:

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of  
the Spirit all our days.

**All: Amen.**

### Baptism of Eden Anthony

#### The Liturgy of Baptism:

*The minister prays*

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people new life  
in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us  
by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve  
you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your  
Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever.  
**All: Amen.**

*The minister addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our  
number those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome these  
children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?  
**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*The minister addresses the  
parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church  
receives these children with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them,  
draw them by your example into the  
community of faith  
and walk with them in the way of Christ?

***Parents and Godparents:***  
**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Eden begins  
his journey in faith.  
You speak for him today.  
Will you care for him,  
and help him to take his place  
within the life and worship  
of Christ's Church?

**Parents and Godparents:  
With the help of God, we will.**

*A large candle is lit. The president  
addresses the parents and godparents*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and  
rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?  
**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?  
**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?  
**I renounce evil.**

**The Signing of the Cross:**  
*The minister make the sign of the cross  
on Eden's forehead, saying:*

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

Eden, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
And remain faithful to Christ to the end  
of your life.**

*The candidates receive a blessing,  
with these words:*

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

**All: Amen.**

**Song: [Going on a Journey](#)**

**Prayer over the water:**

*The minister, candidate, parents and  
Godparents gather at the baptismal font.  
The minister stands before the water of  
baptism and says*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God,  
for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the  
beginning of creation.  
Through water you led  
the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the  
Promised Land.  
In water your Son Jesus received the  
baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as  
the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to  
newness of life.  
We thank you, Father,  
for the water of baptism.  
It symbolises our burial  
with Christ in his death;  
Our sharing in his resurrection;  
And our rebirth by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience  
to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship  
those who come to him in faith.  
Now sanctify this water that, by the  
power of your Holy Spirit,  
those who are baptised in it may know  
cleansing and new birth.  
Renewed in your image,  
may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life  
of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,

now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**The Profession of Faith:**

*The minister addresses the congregation*

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

Do you believe and trust in God the  
Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son,  
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

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

**Amen.**

**The Baptism:**

*The minister pours water*

*on Eden, saying:*

*Eden Anthony,*

I baptize you

in the name

of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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.

**All: Amen.**

*The minister addresses the congregation,  
parents and godparents, saying*

We have brought this child to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for them and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As he grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his neighbours after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation. Therefore let us bear this child in our prayers and let us welcome him now.

**The Welcome:**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

**Presentations:**

*A certificate, holding cross and children's bible are presented to the newly baptised with the words:*

Receive this book. It is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

*A lit candle is presented to the newly baptised with the words:*

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

Prayer for Children & Carers  
Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Eden  
and all children and grant them your gifts of love,  
wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing  
and reconciling love,  
and protect their homes 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.**

Prayer for the Baptised  
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.**

### **Song: Shine Jesus Shine!**

#### **John 10:1-10**

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

<sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### **Following Jesus**

#### **Responding in Prayer:**

##### **Place a Petal**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Song: Faithful One**

**The Blessing:**

Christ Jesus,  
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,  
draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you, now and always.

**All: Amen**

**Sending Out:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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