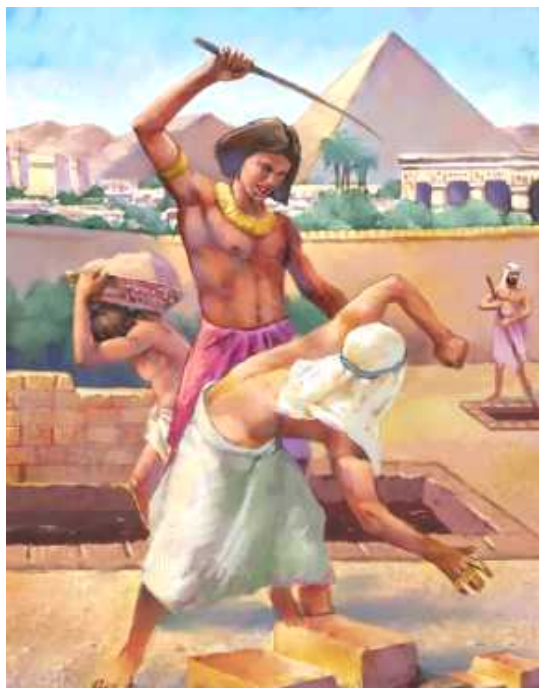




***Welcome to St Peter and St Paul's,
it is good that you are here!***

Collect for Today

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may
grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Collect

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside
our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole
in Christ
may bring that healing to this
broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

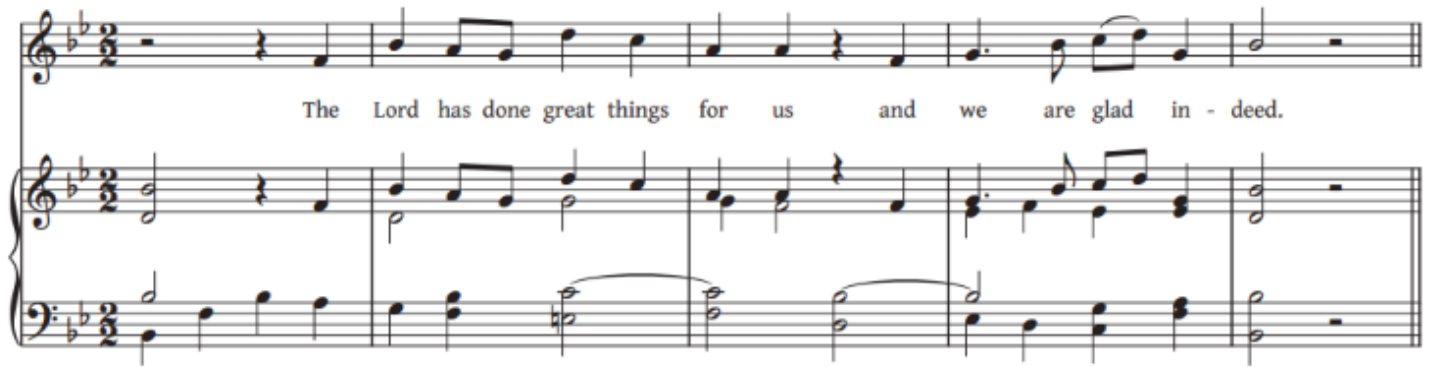
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Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.

Please be aware that this service is live-streamed to Facebook. If you do not want the back of your head to be in the livestream, please sit on the right hand side of the church at the back (as you face the altar) or in the area near the font.

Psalm 124

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.



Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (LYCIG)

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We pray for those who are bereaved, for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit

Lord shine on those who dwell in darkness and fear.

**Robert Syms
Derek
Josie and Pat
Gina
Jason and his Family
Graham
Ernie Andrews
Dorothy
All families in crisis
Jonathan**

**Lord, send us the gift of
peace. We pray for the
gift of peace, that hatred
may turn to
understanding, anger to
compassion and horror to
hope.**



**Carole
Alan
Joshua Manning
Penny and Mike
Derek and Jo
Sheila Vince
Arthur and Pauline
Colin and Judy
Teresa Martin**

What's On

A warm welcome to Zoë and Michele!

Zoe and Michele have now started their roles! Zoë will be working Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sunday as she looks after children and families. Michele will be working Wed, Fri and Sun as she works with our youth. Please do be praying for them as they settle in and give them a warm welcome when you see them!

Benefice Service 30th August - no service at St Peter and St Paul's on that date Please note that this month's fifth Sunday service will be a benefice service at **The Church in Great Notley** at 11am. Please do spread the word!

Harvest Festival incoming! 6th September

Our Harvest festival this year will be on the 6th September during our All Age Eucharist. Please do come along and, if you can, bring a gift for Braintree Foodbank. They are requesting: tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned veg, biscuits, shampoo and soap. For the full list please see our email newsletter.

Morning Prayer is held at St Peter and St Paul's Church every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Friday at 9 am on Zoom. If you are interested in following this service please let Mike H know.

Morning and evening prayer are available at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Holy Communion

Wafers (gluten-free wafers are available on request) will be offered and wine. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail.

Giving

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me."

Support Wethersfield through prayer and donations of clothes
Please find box in the porch for donations

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This week

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer in church on
Thursday at 9am.

Next Sunday 30th August

BENEFICE SERVICE
GREAT NOTLEY 11.00 am

Psalms 124

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Please see the Website and Newsletter for more information

Are you on the Mailing list? If not and you want to be, please contact Mike H
(mikehalford2@gmail.com) or Isobel

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'