



Putnoe Heights Church Bedford



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Family Service 5 June 2005

Welcome

We welcome to our service today especially the family
and friends of Cody Arron Marsh

A Verse from Scripture Psalm 33:4

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he
does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of
his unfailing love.

(please join with words in bold type)

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

**We have come together in the name of Christ to
offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and
receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of
the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give
ourselves to the service of God.**

HYMN

Praise my soul the King of heaven, 560 Mission Praise

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 God of mercy and of love
We have failed to walk in the way of your justice
We have abused our stewardship of your creation
We have been happy to accept the divisions
 Between rich and poor
 Between black and white
 Between powerful and powerless
So contrary to your will
For human flourishing
We beg you to forgive us and heal us
That we may walk humbly again with you, our God.**

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.

All Amen

THE OFFERING

*After the offering is collected it is 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.

HYMN

Shine Jesus, 445 Mission Praise

THE BAPTISM

The family and godparents are invited to gather at the font

We bring *this child* whom God has entrusted to us and claim for *him* all that Christ has won for us. Christ loves *him* and is ready to receive *him* with the arms of his mercy and to give *him* the blessing of eternal life. Children are brought to be baptized with water as a sign of the new life in Christ and to be made members of God's family the Church.

THE WATER IS BLESSED

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the River Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us. Bless this water that your *servant* who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon *him* to bring *him* to new birth in the family of your Church, and raise *him* with Christ to full and eternal life. For all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROMISES OF THE CHURCH

Congregation, please stand

Members of the Body of Christ, who are now in his name to receive *this child*, will you so maintain the common life of worship and service that *he* and all children in this church may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

With God's help, we will

Gift Aid

Thank you to those people who have 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.

Congregation say

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround *this child* with your love; protect *him* from evil; fill *him* with your Holy Spirit and receive *him* into the family of your church; that *he* and all the children of this church may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

THE PROMISES OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

The minister says to the parents and godparents

Those who bring children to be baptized must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil. It is your duty to bring up this child to fight against evil and to follow Christ. Therefore I ask these questions which you must answer for yourselves and for this child.

Minister

Do you turn to Christ?

Parents and godparents

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil

The Minister speaks to the parents

Do you then present your child to be baptized?

Parents please respond

We do

The Minister takes the child to be baptised and says:

(Name) I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

I sign with the cross, the sign of Christ.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

The minister will invite the congregation to say:

Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and continue his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life.

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The parents and children who have been baptised gather together and a lighted candle is given to each child. The minister says,

Receive this light...this is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

The congregation will be invited to respond:

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

THE WELCOME

Representing the whole Church we all welcome the newly baptized children.

Minister: God has received you by baptism into his Church.

All say: **We welcome you into the Lord's family.**

We are members together of the Body of Christ:

We are children of the same heavenly Father:

We are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God.

We welcome you.



THE COLLECT PRAYER & BIBLE READINGS

God, faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Methodist Worship*

*You may follow the bible readings on the Bible Notes
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

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heaven above;
deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love.
I, though so unworthy, still am a child of his care,
for his word teaches me that his love reaches me ev'rywhere.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Neil Bramble Chapman

HYMN

Amazing Grace, 31 Mission Praise

PRAYERS

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

Great is thy faithfulness, 200 Mission Praise

The Blessing

THE BLESSING

**May the love of the Lord Jesus
draw us to himself;
May the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen us in his service;
May the joy of the Lord Jesus
fill our souls.**

Minister: The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father,
the Son
and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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



*For I desire mercy, not
sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God
rather than burnt offerings*

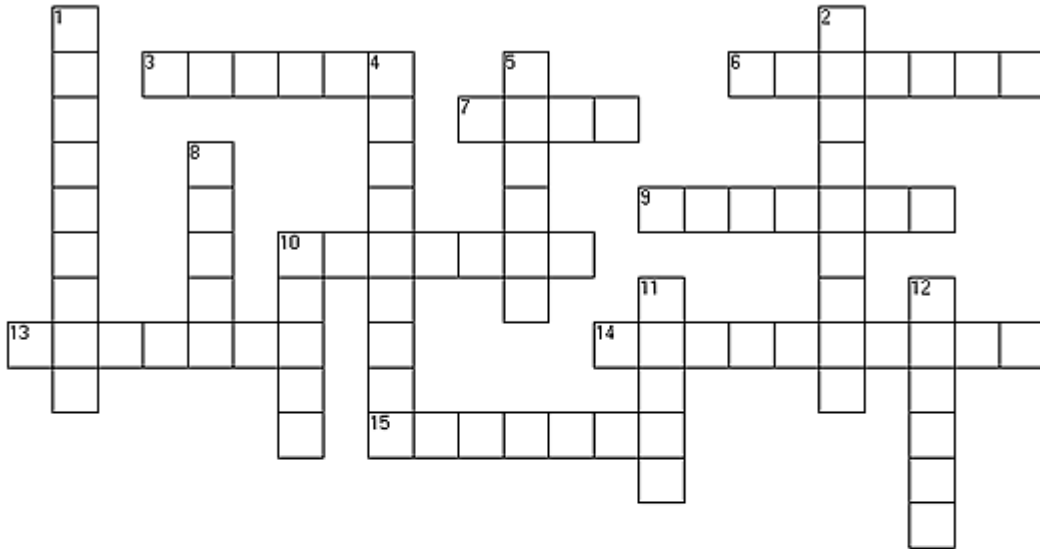
Hosea 6:6.

Children: Who is the man in the picture and what is he doing ?

The calling of Matthew

(Matthew 9:9-13)

All of the answers to the crossword can be found in the word puzzle



ACROSS

3. a person who heals the sick
6. strong and free from disease
7. to be affected with disease or ill health
9. the opposite of standing
10. the first book of the New Testament
13. one who instructs other people
14. persons who accumulate items (such as stamps)
15. those who refuse to obey God's laws

DOWN

1. the twelve followers of Jesus
2. to give up something dear to you
4. free from guilt or sin
5. the main meal of the day
8. a stall or stand (as at a fair) for the sale or exhibition of goods
10. kindness or compassion
11. a building where a family lives
12. to walk behind

"Follow Me"



R V G Q Z I I R T E A C H E R
 J G Y D M Q D I S C I P L E S
 D W J X D F Z H E A L T H Y L
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