



# St Columba's

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**15 August 2021**  
**Trinity 11**

**Worship Leader: Rev Helen Garton**  
**Organist: Iain Russell**



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Welcome, notices and “vestry” prayer

Gordon Woods

Call to Worship - John 6.51

Jesus said, ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

Gathering prayer and prayer of approach (based on Psalm 34:9-14)

Hymn R&S 390 *Open now thy gates of beauty*

Ephesians 5:15-20

Henrike Lähnemann

Prayer of thanksgiving (based on Ephesians 5.20)

Response: **Let us give thanks to God in all things.**

Prayer of confession

Response: **forgive us and help us.**

Lord’s Prayer (modern form)

Hymn R&S 434 *Jesus invites his saints*

Bible Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6

Henrike Lähnemann

John 6:51-58

Mary Thewlis

Hymn R&S 446 *Deck thyself with gladness*

Sermon

Reflective music

Prayers of Intercession

Peter Stevenson

Hymn R&S 444 *Father we give you thanks*

Sending out prayer and Blessing

Organ voluntary

Whilst Covid cases are high in Oxford we will not be serving refreshments after worship so please leave the building promptly, avoiding indoor conversations with those not in your household or support bubble.

## NOTICES

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Welcome to St Columba's. Today's worship is being led by our Minister.

While Covid cases remain high we ask you to refrain from congregational singing. The hymns today will be led by a small group of four singers with the organist.

If you are a visitor or a newcomer you are very welcome. Please fill in a newcomer slip (wall box in the vestibule) and hand it to a steward. If you are visiting, please do sign the visitors' book, also in the vestibule.

There is a hearing loop. Please let a steward know if it is not working for you: don't suffer in silence!

Please note that for reasons of safeguarding, neither taking photographs nor filming are permitted during worship without written permission from a church secretary.

## NEXT SUNDAY

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Worship at St Columba's will be at 10.45am and will be led by our Minister and Siobhan Antoniou.

Please check safety at <http://www.saintcumbas.org/welcome-back> sign up to attend on the form on that page, and arrive with a face covering by 10.30am for registration and to be seated.

**The pandemic is not over. Although no longer a legal requirement we ask that you note and act on the following:**

- Make sure you record your visit either by scanning the NHS Test and Trace poster with your smartphone using the NHS Covid19 app, or putting an entry on the manual record sheet
- Wear a face covering at all times indoors unless exempt
- Avoid Congregational singing. The choir will lead hymns
- Windows and doors will be kept open to improve ventilation
- Keep 2 metres away from anyone not in your household or support bubble
- Please wait for a steward to show you to a seat
- Please don't mingle with others inside the church building, either before or after worship. An Alfred Street chin-wag is fine!
- No refreshments will be served after worship for the time being

## Lateral Flow Testing

If you are often in contact with others not in your household or support bubble, perhaps by virtue of your job or other activities we advise you to consider taking part in regular symptom-free testing to protect yourself and those around you. Around one in three people with Coronavirus infection is unaware of it so this is important extra protection.



If you are not already doing this and don't have a source of tests you can order them for use at home from the link below or pick them up from a local participating pharmacy.

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/>

## Could you Zoom our Worship?



A number of people are feeling much more able to join our regular worship using Zoom so we wish to continue this for the time being. Would you be able to sit at the back occasionally and control the Zoom meeting, including making sure the sound and video are OK and letting people in from the waiting room? If so please contact Tony Brett or David North or email [churchsecretary@saintcolumbas.org](mailto:churchsecretary@saintcolumbas.org) Thank you!

*If you would like anything added to any service sheet, please email [tony@tonybrett.org.uk](mailto:tony@tonybrett.org.uk) by the Thursday before the edition in which you want it to appear.*

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