

COMMUNION...

"Do this in remembrance of me." With these words ringing in our ears, we regularly celebrate communion. As we drink the wine and eat the bread, we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and look forward to his return.

FORGIVENESS...

Christ died and rose from the dead on the third day, so that our sins may be forgiven; and repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations.' Luke 24:47

'And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.' Mark 11:25

'Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.' Luke 6:37

THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE...

'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16

LOVE...

Jesus said...
'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:31

'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' Matthew 5:44

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. At a confirmation service conducted by the Bishop, you affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. The bishop lays hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH

You are invited to meet with the vicar to prepare for the service. This is a good way to explore your faith with others who are also thinking about confirmation and is a safe place to ask any questions you have about God, Jesus and the journey of faith.

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CONFIRMING YOUR FAITH



Congratulations on wanting to explore confirmation. Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ.

THE BENEFICE OF STOURDENE
Ettington, Alderminster, Halford,
Pillerton Hersey with Pillerton Priors,
Newbold on Stour with Armscote,
Butlers Marston,

To be a Christian is to be...

*Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve, give and forgive.*

To live such a life is to be a disciple.

After his resurrection, Jesus commissioned his disciples to announce the gospel of the kingdom: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

No one can be a disciple on their own. As disciples we are connected in every part of our journey to the world wide community of Christians. Each and every Christian community is different, just as each one of us is an individual, unique and wonderfully made. God loves and honours that difference, the endlessly creative diversity of people and communities in each place and in every place.

Called...

IN PRAYER

...we talk to God our father, expressing our thanks, praise, needs.



IN READING THE BIBLE

...we learn the history of the relationship of God and his people, and we meet those who have interpreted the over the centuries so that we can read with love and with understanding.



IN LEARNING THE FAITH

...we meet the people God has given us in the church, in our parish, school and community; we meet them and learn from them how to live.



Sent...

IN TELLING

...we share the gospel with all we meet through word and deed.

...we shine the light of Christ in the world through the way we live our life.

...we go out and be Christ friends, revealing the love of God.



IN SERVING OTHERS

...we meet their needs as we meet the people themselves, connecting with them in the struggle for justice and dignity, doing the many things God gives us to do with them and them, so as to help and love them more.



IN GIVING OUR LIVES

...we we take our place among the hundreds of millions of people who bear the name of Christ worldwide.

...we share our time and material possessions with others.



IN FORGIVING OTHERS

...we recognise God's Grace, love and forgiveness towards ourselves.

...we acknowledge and work to resolve our own faults.

...we ask God's forgiveness for our own sins and omissions.

