

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.  
We express our gratitude for your time among us.  
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.  
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness  
will not end with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,  
trusting that our time together and our parting  
are pleasing to God.

I entrust you to the care and wisdom of others.

I encourage your continuing ministry and mission here  
and will pray for you and for your new Vicar.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us  
is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for cherished memories  
and commend one another into your care  
as we move in new directions.  
Keep us one in your love forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem sung by St Michael's Choir

The Blessing

**The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.**

**188 GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT REDEEMER**



PARISH OF CUMNOR

**Widdess Family  
Leaving Service - 13/7/25**

Welcome & Call to Worship

**422 PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

*The service leader introduces the theme of the service*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:  
*Silence is kept.*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*  
**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **405 ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO**

**Readings** (Colin Burnie)

**Colossians 3:1 - 4:6**

*After the reading we use these words:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

## **310 LORD FOR THE YEARS**

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

The Intercessions (Roger Long)

*Prayers of Intercession using this or another response*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*The Intercessions may end with*

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*During the next hymn an offering will be taken for the work of the church.*

## **WHEN EVERY TREE AND EVERY LEAF**

Words of Farewell

I thank you, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.