

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday January 23rd 2022

Epiphany 3



Our services this week are as follows:

10.00am - A Service of the Eucharist in Epiphany

Lead: Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft

Warden: Judy Hall

Stewards: Richard Hall with Stan and Avril Williams

Reader: Joan Ram

Intercessions: Maggie Abbotts

Zoom: Colin Roberts

3.00pm Baptisms - Isaac Albie Grai and Betsy Dottie Ann Fletcher

Leader: Rev'd John Flitcroft

MU Helpers: Pat Whalley and Marjorie Ferguson

6.30pm - Evensong

Leader: Roger King

Reader: Marjorie Ferguson

Readings: Numbers 9.15 - end and 1 Cor 7.17-24

10:30am Thurs. 27th January - Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader: Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft

Stewards: Sue Wakeley with Elaine Buchan

Reader: Nigel Tonks

Childrens Society Box holders - 2021 Collection

Thankyou to everyone involved for raising the amazing sum of **£950.49** - despite all the problems of the last two years.

I have sent the paperwork and final total of the collection to the Society and as soon I have their confirmation I will put a notice on the board at the back of church.

If anyone still has a box that has not been counted, it will be ok to keep it until Sept/Oct this year, when I will call in the boxes again.

If you do not wish to keep your box or want to donate to the Society by other methods please let me know – there is no rush.

All the money you have raised allows the society to provide young people with the technology required to back up their socially distanced in-person support. The vital connection between project workers and the young people in their care has been preserved, even when the result of the pandemic has meant young people have been cut off from friends, family and the outside world.

Your donations help young people to see they are valued and supported and to work on projects that support each other.

Thankyou all

Maggie Abbotts

Box co-ordinator

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of thy saving presence: renew thy people with thy heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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The Gospel Reading: Luke 4.14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui: Archbishop Andrew Chan

Churches Together: St. Peter's Church, Pedmore.

From our Diocesan Prayer Diary..... Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held between 18-25 January. The theme for this year was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). More than ever, in the difficult times we've witnessed, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light is a gift, an indication of God's loving presence for all humanity. The Magi reveal to us the unity of all nations desired by God. They travel from far-off countries, and represent diverse cultures, yet they are driven by the same hunger to see and know the new-born king. Christians are called to be a sign to the world of God bringing about this unity that he desires. Drawn from different cultures, races and languages, Christians share in a common search for Christ and a common desire to worship him. The mission of the Christian people, therefore, is to be a sign like the star, to lead all to Christ, and to be the means by which God is bringing about the unity of all peoples.

The work of St Mary's.....

For those who will visit St Mary's this week to find sanctuary and peace. For Isaac and Betsy Fletcher who will be baptised here this afternoon. For their parents and Godparents who will support them. For those participating in the LLF group, the first meeting begins on Monday. For those attending the PCC meeting on Tuesday evening. For those involved with the Coach House committee meeting on Thursday. For those who have left prayers on our prayer board.

Those Living in: Birmingham Street / Mount Street.

Local Community: The Grange School.

Among those who are ill: Basil De Souza, Richard Willetts, Ian Moore, Bob Bowen, Margaret Shepherd, Paul Chard.

We continue to pray for: Stephen Webb, Gill Franks, Harold Swithenbank, Peter & Angela Viner, Helen Hunt, Susan Haskew, Natalie Jones, Audrey Tranter, David Johnson, Colin Millward, Pamela & Roy Peacock, Josh Raffan, Judy Taylor, Joe and Ros Yeates, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan, Noah, Cantius, the May family and the Rogerson family.

Those in nursing home care:

Norma Wren, Melitta Ling, Meriel Harris, Betty Shore and Betty Taylor.

The departed: Dorothy Gibson, Christopher Lees, Roma Wright, Dennis Ward, Jean Watkins, Margaret Wright, Barbara Finney, Ronald Robinson, Irene Hickman and Pamela Burridge.



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