



24th January 2021 Third Sunday of Epiphany



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALL HALLOWS CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AND PRIVATE PRAYER

All Hallows PCC met on Monday 11th January to review the decision of 1st January 2021 to close the church to public worship due to the increase in Coronavirus cases, the new variants, and their more contagious nature.

The decision of the meeting was to continue closure as conditions have continued to deteriorate since the beginning of January.

The PCC considered the Government and Church of England advice regarding the pandemic and the need for social isolation to reduce the infection rate. The meeting also noted that Gedling is one of the areas suffering the highest case load in Nottinghamshire currently.

This has not been an easy decision for the PCC to make but we, as a church, have a responsibility to and for each other. This responsibility is not just for our spiritual health but also our physical wellbeing.

The PCC will review this decision on 8th February 2021.

We will continue to stream all the services as we do at the moment and our ministry team will be available to provide support.

We will continue to conduct funeral services.

We hope you will understand and pray we will all soon be together physically, as we are spiritually during this pandemic season.

God Bless
Revd Mic Johnson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <p>Sunday 24th Jan Third Sunday of Epiphany</p> | <p><i>Genesis 14: 17-20</i> <i>Psalm 128</i> <i>Revelation 19: 6-10</i> <i>John 2: 1-11</i></p> |
| <p>Monday 25th Jan</p> | <p><i>Jeremiah 1: 4-10 or Acts 9: 1-22</i> <i>Psalm 67</i> <i>Acts 9: 1-22 or Galatians 1: 11-16a</i> <i>Matthew 19: 27-End</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday 26th Jan</p> | <p><i>Hebrews 10: 1-10</i> <i>Psalm 40: 1-4, 7-10</i> <i>Mark 3: 31-End</i> <i>Lesser Festival Eucharistic Lectionary:</i> <i>Isaiah 61: 1-3a</i> <i>Psalm 100</i> <i>2 Timothy 2: 1-8 or Titus 1: 1-5</i> <i>Luke 10: 1-9</i></p> |
| <p>Wednesday 27th Jan</p> | <p><i>Hebrews 10: 11-18</i> <i>Psalm 110: 1-4</i> <i>Mark 4: 1-20</i></p> |
| <p>Thursday 28th Jan</p> | <p><i>Hebrews 10: 19-25</i> <i>Psalm 24: 1-6</i> <i>Mark 4: 21-25</i></p> |
| <p>Friday 29th Jan</p> | <p><i>Hebrews 10: 32-End</i> <i>Psalm 37: 3-6, 40-End</i> <i>Mark 4: 26-34</i></p> |
| <p>Saturday 30th Jan</p> | <p><i>Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19</i> <i>Canticle: Luke 1: 69-73</i> <i>Mark 4: 35-End</i></p> |

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

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



Parish Prayer Diary Please use this prayer diary as part of your daily prayer

Please pray for:

Stephen Dodds, Sue Brown, Jane Johnson, Chris & Gary Walton, Sarah Davies, Mike & Sheila Richards, Kate Sinclair, Janet Samuels, Yvonne Thompson, Jan Bird, Mary Bolton, Andy Morley, Kate Lincoln, Brian Noake, Noreen Burrows.

The Departed: Mildred Jones, Mary Bates, Alan Bolton

The Staff and Residents of Willow Brook Nursing Home

| | Thought for Today | In our Diocese | In our Parish |
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| Sunday | I am the Lord, I do not change. <i>Malachi 3:6</i> | Diocesan Readers (Sarah Patten, Principal for Wellbeing & Ministerial Development; Sue Waterston, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CME Officer) | Cinderhill Grove Cantley Avenue Park Lane Lambley |
| Monday | Put your trust in the Lord. <i>Psalm 4:5</i> | St Peter's C of E Primary School Gringley on the Hill Yvonne Reeson | Roslyn Avenue Adel Drive Church Street Lambley |
| Tuesday | For You have been a strength to the poor. <i>Isaiah 25:4</i> | Gunthorpe C of E Primary School Claire Bills | St Michael's Avenue St Mary's Avenue The Dumbles Lambley |
| Wednesday | His compassions fail not. <i>Lamentations 3:22</i> | Chaplains in Schools | Radford Crescent Imperial Avenue Green Lane Lambley |
| Thursday | Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! <i>1 Chronicles 16:10</i> | The Diocese of Southwell & Nottm Multi Academy Trust: Chris Moodie, Archway Learning Trust: Sain Hampton | Pierrepoint Avenue Adbolton Avenue Baron's Close Mapperley Plains |
| Friday | Blessed are all those who wait for Him. <i>Isaiah 30:18</i> | Aspire Academies Trust: Martyn Skinner; Transform Trust: Rebecca Meredith | Newcastle Avenue Phoenix Avenue Queen's Avenue |
| Saturday | The Lord will hear when I call to Him. <i>Psalm 4:3</i> | MITRE: Matthew Parris | Mountbatten Grove Princess Close Margaret Crescent |

Intercessions by John Dawn

Father God we thank you for looking over us; for guiding us and steering us along the path of life. Help us not to be selfish or materialistic, but to help others. Translate our words into action with energy and enthusiasm to improve the lives of others.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We thank you for the seasons and the wonders you have provided for us. We think of Spring, a time of optimism with new shoots and new life. You created all things bright & beautiful and all creatures great & small for us. So many good things which lockdown has led us to appreciate much more fully in a slowed down world.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We thank you for the work of NHS staff as they battle with fatigue and the feeling of being overwhelmed by the increasing number of patients. We pray for the healing of those suffering with Covid 19 and those with other conditions who have had treatment delayed. We thank you for the work of the scientists who have produced the vaccine and advised the government on decision making.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for those on our Pew Leaflet, those suffering with poor health and their carers. For those who have died and those who grieve. We also think of the lonely, the homeless, the unemployed, the anxious and those separated from loved ones owing to Covid 19. Lord, thank you for walking alongside them at this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We thank you for the work of our Clergy, the Churchwardens and all who devote so much time to the running of our Church. We also thank you for the organ music, hymns and anthems that provide such uplifting worship during these challenging times.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace
Grant that we may seek not so much to be consoled but to console
Not so much to be understood as to understand
Not so much to be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Merciful Father. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 24th January

Genesis 14: 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19: 1-6, 10

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God, for his judgements are true and just; he has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants.' Once more they said, 'Hallelujah! The smoke goes up from her for ever and ever.' And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who is seated on the throne, saying, 'Amen. Hallelujah!' And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great.' Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

NOTICES

The floodlighting requests for February are due to be published next week. If there are any more February dedications, please send them to me before the 25th January. Many thanks *Eleanor* ellie.wilson2559@gmail.com



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Thank you for all the photos of your Christingles that have been sent to Mic for the online Christingle Service. So far, we have received £85 in cash donations plus online donations of £132 for the Children's Society. If you would like to add to the online donations, please go to visufund.com/all-hallows-church-Gedling or cash donations can be left in the wall box at the bottom of the church steps. Many thanks.

If you have a Children's Society collection box, please hang onto it until May and then when it is more sensible to handle monies they will be collected. If your box is full please find another container to put your donations in. *Peter Burton Children's Society co-ordinator*



We now have a pre-recorded service available on the telephone. The service (which will be changed weekly) can be reached by dialling:

0115 671 3537

(PLEASE NOTE, THE AREA CODE MUST BE DIALLED EVEN FROM A LANDLINE). It is a local rate call. We have set this up for those who do not have access to the Facebook or YouTube services. Any problems with accessing this, please contact Mic.

Items for the next Pew Leaflet should reach the office by 10.00 am on Thursday

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