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Church News for Sunday 31st January 2021 Epiphany Worshipping With Us

Following the success of PhoneChurch during the first lockdown and with Covid-19 rates rising once : our area, a discussion was held at an emergency meeting of the 6 Parishes. After reviewing the optio PCC's opted to revert to PhoneChurch during the current National Lockdown, this has been approved Bishop Nick. This will be reviewed at our meeting on the 24th February.

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then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #
please see below for more detailed information.

Sunday 31st January Epiphany 4

10:00 [Holy Communion](#)

Readings

Deuteronomy 18.15-20, Revelation 12.1-5a, & Mark 1.21-28

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, wh and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

During the week - PhoneChurch

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

18:00 Tuesday - [The Presentation of Christ in the Temple \(Candlemas\)](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#)



Candlemas

Come and join us as the
Christmas season ends

Tuesday 2nd Feb
18:00 PhoneChurch

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Sunday 7th February 2 before Lent

09:00 [Holy Communion](#)

10:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#)

Readings

Proverbs 8.1,22-31, *Psalm 104.26-37*, Colossians 1.15-20, & John 1.1-14

Evening Readings

Psalm 65, Genesis 2.4b-25, Luke 8.22-35

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us

discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your S Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy pc may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Scholastica, c.543](#)

Sunday 14th February Sunday before Lent

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

10:00 [BCP Holy Communion](#)

16:00 [Evening Prayer](#) – Zoom (Taizé Music)

Readings

2 Kings 2.1-12, *Psalms* 50.1-6, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, & Mark 9.2-9

Evening Readings

Psalms 99, 1 Kings 19.1-16, 2 Peter 1.16-21

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

18:00 Tuesday - **Clypping Service** - a service of blessing on our Churches, Homes, & Communities

09:00 & 18:00 Wednesday - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Sunday 21st February Lent 1

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#)

10:00 [Holy Communion](#)

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#)

Readings

Genesis 9.8-17, *Psalms* 25.1-9, 1 Peter 3.18-22, & Mark 1.9-15

Evening Readings

Psalms 119.17-32, Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are

without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our we so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world with

During the week - Phone Church

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#)

09:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#)

Sunday 28th February Lent 2

09:00 [Holy Communion](#)

10:00 [BCP Morning Prayer](#)

16:00 [Revive - Zoom](#)

Readings

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16, *Psalms* 22.23-31, Romans 4.13-25, & Mark 8.31-38

Evening Readings

Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may persevere in those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to use this system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems - so for the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

For the liturgy/service booklet please follow the link for the relevant service.

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For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Lent



With what must feel like the longest January in all of history might come as a surprise that Lent is only a few weeks away! Whilst we hope that by the end of Lent we will be able to gather again on Ash Wednesday and much of Lent will be spent in lockdown. Rev'd Chris and his ministry team are preparing material for you to keep Lent at Home. As well as printed material and service sheets this will include a small quantity of blessed ash ready for our Ash Wednesday service. These packs will be sent out to all who normally receive an envelope - however they are available to anyone who wishes to receive them, simply contact Rev'd Chris, Sue, or Pauline and we will get a special pack to you.

Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Please see link above as this is likely to change

Weddings can only take place in very special circumstances and with 6 people present.

Funerals 30 people present.

There continue to be complex restrictions and procedures in place and these services will look and feel very different to what you might be used to so please do talk with Rev'd Chris at the earliest opportunity to discuss your plans.

Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 10/02/21 and 24/02/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number Michael's Spennithorn PCC will be meeting on at 18:00 on Thursday 11/02/21 on the PhoneChurch number

Rev'd Chris will be taking Friday 5th and Friday 12th as his rest days.

Wensley Deanery Synod is meeting via Zoom at [19:15 on Thursday 18/02/21](#)

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on [Wednesday 24th at 11:00 via Zoom](#)

The latest newsletter from the [Diocese is now available here](#)

Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Friday afternoons at 16:00

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

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Rev'd Bill Prudom

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On Thursday we gathered at St Michael's Spennithorn to thank God for Bill's Ministry.

Rev'd Bill was Rector of St Andrew's, St Oswald's, and St Michael's from 1981 until his retirement in 1991. In retirement, Bill worshipped at St Gregory's where he had sung in the choir as a child.

Bill's daughter Jenifer sends her thanks to all who have been in contact and to those who came to the service or joined us online.



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Lisle's Limericks

Rev'd Lisle has offered us the following reflections on the Gospel readings for the next two Sundays

Jesus was brought to be purified
in the holy Temple where did reside
Anna and Simeon
who each had a vision
of Jesus to be shared and magnified.

Mary heard their child would be a sign

for the fall and rise of many in time,
 revealed as the light
 for gentiles delight
 bringing salvation by God's design.
Luke 2.22-38

The Word was with God from the beginning
 without whom nothing came into being.
 With creation of life
 from God came the Light
 the dread of the dark overcoming.
John 1.1-5

One of Lile's Limericks has now been set to sound and is very much worth listening to
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JppbkElKhJ4&feature=youtu.be>

And Finally

From Fr Philip

Our visit to the Yankee Candle Headquarters in South Deerfield, Massachusetts did not go as well as anticipated. Maybe, that I was wearing a Cotton Traders T-shirt made the tour guide think that I came the cotton-picking Southern US States (remember "Yankee" is a pejorative term for the Northern US States used during their civil war) rather than in deference to Fran Cotton the former England and Lions rugby player might have had something to do with it? However, we bought our expected supply of sampler candles. I love candles. We have had one burning all over Christmas, Epiphany and of course in anticipation of February – Candlemas.

For me candles signify each of the facets of the Holy Trinity.

God the Father – signified by the substance of the candle itself – the source from which all good things
 God the Son – the Light of the World signified by even the weakest flame which brings light and hope to the darkest places. God the Holy Spirit – signified (and don't try feeling this at home) by the warmth which rises from the body and the flame as prayers rise to heaven. Three facets from one candle!

In lighting the darkest places candles also purify. Candlemas is a dual Feast – the Purification of the Virgin Mary – as if she needed it – and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Mary gives thanks for the birth of her child and in doing so is herself blessed. By presenting her child to the world she enables us to be blessed too.

As 2021 slowly unfolds we still seem to be under the dark shadow of the pandemic. By lighting a candle on 2nd February maybe we can dispel some of that darkness and by giving thanks to God for his coming into the world might ourselves receive His Blessing.

May the Blessing of Candlemas be with us all throughout 2021.



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