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**Church News for  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
2021 Epiphany 2  
Worshipping With Us**

Following the success of PhoneChurch during the first lockdown and with Covid-19 rates rising once again in our area, a discussion was held at an emergency meeting of the 6 Parishes. After reviewing the options, the PCC's opted to revert to PhoneChurch during January. This will be reviewed at our meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

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and use Guest PIN: 3885 #  
please see below for more detailed information.

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) Sr Dora

10:00 [Holy Communion](#) (**Plough Sunday**) [Special Plough Sunday Booklet](#)

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) Sr Dora

### **Readings**

1 Samuel 3.1-10, *Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18\**, Revelation 5.1-10, & John 1.43-51

### **Evening Readings**

Psalm 96, Isaiah 60.9-22, Hebrews 6.17 - 7.10

### **Collect**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

### **Post Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **BCP Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **During the week - PhoenChurch**

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

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

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3

09:00 [Holy Communion](#)

10:00 BCP Morning Prayer

16:00 [Simply Together in the Afternoon](#) - Zoom

### **Readings**

Genesis 14.17-20, *Psalms* 128, Revelation 19.6-10, & John 2.1-11

### **Evening Readings**

Titus 2.1–8, 11–14

### **Collect**

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.

### **Post 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.

### **During the week - PhoneChurch**

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

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

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

### **Post Communion**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our 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](#)

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2 before Lent**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#)

10:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#)

### **Readings**

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

### **Evening Readings**

Psalms 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 to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory 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 power we 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 14<sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

11:00 [BCP Holy Communion](#)

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

### **Readings**

2 Kings 2.1-12, *Psalm 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 grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from 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 his life 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

PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best 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>

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## 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 avoid disappointment.

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## Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 27/01/21 and 10/02/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> as his rest days.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on [Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 via Zoom](#)

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

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## 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 Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of 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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## Lisle's Limericks



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

Philip to Nathaniel said, "I have found  
in Nazareth one foretold to be crowned."

"From Nazareth could  
come anything good?"

Nathaniel replied with sceptical frown.

"Truly here's a man without deceit,"  
Jesus remarked when they came to meet.

"How come you know me?  
is surely a mystery.

You're the Son of God, and King complete!"

*John 1.43-51*

At a wedding when the wine had run out,  
said Mary, "You can't let guests go without."

"Do just as he requests."

To satisfy the guests  
Jesus noticed six water jars stout.

To servants he said, "Some water please draw,  
and for the chief steward carefully pour

a goblet to drink  
to see what he thinks."

"You've kept the best wine till now. I'm in awe!"

*John 2.1-11*

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>

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## And Finally

***From Rev'd Chris***

Well - the new year is here and halfway through January it almost feels like a reboot of 2020. With another national lockdown,



Church buildings empty and congregations meeting online and in our case on the Phone, and most of all uncertainty as to when this may all end!

However, I would like to start looking forward to ways that we might celebrate our faith and our beautiful setting here in Lower Wensleydale. For the last few years, we have marked both the agricultural and Church calendar with special services and I propose that even though we are dispersed we will go back to marking them again this year. And so we start with a double celebration this Sunday as we mark Plough Sunday and the Birthday of Sr Dora.

We will be remembering Sr Dora at both the 09:00 and 16:00 PhoneChurch services Dorothy Pattison (Sister Dora) who was born in Hauxwell as her father was the vicar of St Oswald's for around 40 years in the mid-Victorian era. She became a significant pioneer of the modern nursing profession specialising in traumatic industrial injuries.

Plough Sunday is a traditional English celebration of the beginning of the agricultural year that has seen some revival over recent years. Plough Sunday celebrations usually involve bringing a ploughshare into a church with prayers for the blessing of the land. It is traditionally held on the Sunday after Epiphany,

the Sunday between 7<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> January. Accordingly, work in the fields did not begin until the day after Plough Sunday: Plough Monday. Although the nature of farming has changed over the centuries, Plough Sunday is seen as a way of generally celebrating farming and the work of farmers.

With an early Easter this year Lent is just a month away and we are working hard to prepare material to help you keep Lent in lockdown - more news in the next edition, until then stay safe and may *God speed the plough*.



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