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**Church News for  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
2021 Christmas 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 13th January, with a view to reopening for gathered worship on Sunday 7th February 2021.

To join in simply call 03300 945 940  
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #  
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #  
please see below for more detailed information.

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Christmas 2**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#)

10:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#)

### ***Readings***

Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.13-21, Ephesians 1.3-14, & John 1.[1-9]10-18

### **Evening Readings**

Isaiah 60.1-9, John 2.1-11, Evening Psalms Psalms 98, 100

### **Collect**

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

### **BCP Collect**

Almighty God who didst wonderfully create man in thine own image, and didst yet more wonderfully restore him: Grant, we beseech thee, that as thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made in the likeness of men, so we may be made partakers of the divine nature; through the same thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

**During the week**

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

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#)

11:00 [Holy Communion](#)

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

**Readings**

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, & Mark 1.4-11

**Evening Readings**

Psalms 46, Isaiah 42.1-9 Ephesians 2.1-10

**Collect**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**During the week**

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

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

18:00 [Doorstep Carols](#) - Sing from your Doorstep - more details below!

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

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#)

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

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.

**During the week - PhoenChurch**

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

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

**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***

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

***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 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

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

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 take place with 15 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 13/01/21 & 27/01/21 at **16:15** on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<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 Christmas Story

When astrologers travelled from afar  
they were led from the east by a star.

Through King Herod they sought  
the infant King at his court  
to pay homage with gifts such as myrrh.

King Herod reacting in fury

having asked scribes and priests was sure he  
knew just where he'd be found.  
So the Magi profound  
under the star found the babe securely.

Bowing before him they offered their gifts,  
gold frankincense and myrrh as befits  
Jesus the suckling King.  
Then homeward returning  
far away from King Herod's raging fits.

Herod discovering that he'd been deceived  
ordered the slaughter of boys to proceed  
in Bethlehem town  
and the region around,  
leaving their parents so deeply bereaved.

But Joseph with Mary to Egypt flew  
to keep Jesus safe until they knew  
king Herod was dead.  
Relieved of their dread  
they returned, making prophecies come true.

### *Matthew 2*

By the Jordan people came out to John  
to be baptised and cleansed of all wrong.  
“Now all you Pharisees  
who warned you to flee  
from God's wrath. To him you cease to belong.”

When Jesus came out to be baptised  
John did confess that he was surprised.  
Rising from the river  
a dove came down thither.  
“This is my Son with whom I'm well pleased.”

### *Matthew 3*

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*

It still seems strange to me how some posts on social media are 'successful' and others not

So may I repeat what I shared at the end of the year

**Happy New Year**  
**Id like to Thank you 2020, but**  
**in truth I'm happy to see the**  
**back of you!**

None of us knows what 2021 holds for us, but my prayer is for a happy and safe year as we continue to grow together in the Kingdom.



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