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| **Third Sunday of Epiphany****PEWS NEWS**20th January 2019 | **SUFFOLK HEIGHTS BENEFICE** |

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**

*Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany*

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**

*Post Communion Collect*

*We welcome this morning the Bishop of Dunwich, who isl leading our worship and preaching at our Plough Sunday service at Rede.*

*Church Finances: Following on from my earlier appeal, please would you review your giving for 2019. We would like to cover the 5 percent increase in our parish share contribution, which is paid to the diocese, through increased giving rather than through fund raising or drawing on reserves! Please ask if you would like to arrange a Standing order, or if you would like weekly envelopes to help with your giving. Thank you.*

**Taizé Communion for Candlemas.**

Sunday, February 3rd at 6pm at All Saints’, Chevington

**Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.**

Friday 25th January

Morning Prayer will be said at Chevington at 9.30am.

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**Reading** (Isaiah 62.1–5)

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
    and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
    and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
    and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
    that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
    and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
    and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
    and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
    and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
    so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
    so shall your God rejoice over you.

**GOSPEL** (John 2.1-11)

**The Wedding at Cana**

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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

*Heavenly Father you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to humankind. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually over eight days between 18 January (Feast of the Confession of St Peter) and 25 January (Feast of the Conversion of Paul). The theme, chosen this year by the Church in Indonesia, is ‘Justice, only justice, you shall pursue’ (cf. Deuteronomy 16.20). Speaking powerfully to the local churches throughout Indonesia, the theme also recognises this common need throughout the world. Only by heeding Jesus’ prayer, ‘that they all may be one’ can we witness to living Christian unity in diversity. We are all called together to form a united witness for justice and so Christian unity becomes a means of Christ’s healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

The death of Revd David Shaw (aged 86) who was Rector of Chedburgh with Depden, Rede and Hawkedon (1975-1982) has been announced. Some of you may remember David? If anyone is still in contact with the family could you let me know so that I can write to them. Many thanks.

Don’t forget to register for the **Hargrave Fun Run** (cross country 10k or 5k race) on 9th March starting 2.30am at Hargrave Village Hall.

Contact Justin (850769). Offers of help also appreciated.

**Praying Through the Week**

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| God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen * Bansfield benefice, Colneys Deanery and the Anglican Province of Bangladesh;
* A shared vision for Suffolk Heights;
* our armed forces serving overseas, and their families;
* the sick, those awaiting treatment, those in hospital, and those who mourn that they may be comforted.
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|  |  | *For:* | *Those living and working in:* |
| **Sunday** | 20th  | Retired Community and those who are unemployed. | Thurston End and Cresslands Lane, Hawkedon |
| **Monday** | 21st   | Uniformed Organisations and for those serving in the Armed Forces. | Elms Farm, and Depden Care Farm |
| **Tuesday** | 22nd  | Weekday services; Bury Town Pastors; our support of charities. | Parish of All Saints’ Rede |
| **Wednesday** | 23rd  | Those who mourn and who remember at this time, the Hospice. | The Street and Chestnut Crescent, Chedburgh.*Depden Charity* |
| **Thursday** | 24th  | Those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month. | Brookes Corner, Tan Office Lane, Chedburgh Road Chevington |
| **Conversion of Paul** | 25th  | Those who commute, those who work from home**.** | Stansfield Road, Upper and Lower Greens, Hawkedon, Rede Hall, Kiln Lane, Rede Road, Rede |
| **Saturday** | 26th  | For industry, village commerce and trade | Church Lane and Birds End, Hargrave |

If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, by the door of each church are gift tokens. The idea is that you take a token as you come into church and, as the collection plate is passed round, you put the token in the plate. If you would like to give by Standing order, please have a word with your churchwarden or Treasurer.