

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please be aware that Midweek Masses have been suspended during Lockdown.

PARISH NOTICES

Dear all, We are currently in another time of National Lockdown. This time round it is permitted for Churches to continue to offer Public Worship. This is, I think, a sign of the hard work so many churches have undertaken to ensure that Services are COVID Secure.

We will continue to offer a Sunday Mass at both St John's and St Andrew's. These services will be short and simple. Please continue to book in as usual, either with myself or Fr John as appropriate.

Nevertheless, we must recognize that the new strain of COVID marks a serious threat to the safety and well-being of so many. In light of that, please abide by the following:

- As you enter Church, take your place immediately without gathering in groups for conversation.
- Similarly, at the Conclusion of the Mass, remain in your seat until the Wardens invite you to leave.
- After you have left the Church, keep wearing your mask until you are away from the Church building.
- Please avoid remaining outside for conversations.

These may seem stringent, but they are a now a legal requirement: (www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home) If we are to continue worshipping together, it is important that we follow the Law in this regard.

Also, please think carefully if it is appropriate for you come to Church. Those of us who are clinically vulnerable or have received notification to Shield should follow the advice they have been given.

If you are in need of any support, be it priestly or practical, please feel free to ring Fr John and myself in the course of the next few weeks. We are more than happy to hear from you.

There will be many who are anxious or afraid at this time. There may be feelings of weariness or loneliness we are going through. In the days to come, let us read and be sustained by Romans 8, especially the final few verses: *"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

With very blessing, Fr David.

THE PARISH OF SEATON HIRST, ST. JOHN AND ST. ANDREW.

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2021
2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE:

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8.9

CONFESSION: PENETENTIAL KYRIE

THE GLORIA

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. AMEN.

READINGS - YEAR B

FIRST READING: Samuel 3.1–10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel!

Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

139.1–5, 12–17

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. **R**

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Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for
me; it is so high that I cannot attain
to it. **R**

For you yourself created my inmost
parts; you knit me together in my
mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am
marvellously made; your works are
wonderful and I know it well. **R**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the
earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet
unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written in your book; they
were fashioned day by day, when
as yet there was none of them. **R**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; to
count them all, my life span would
need to be like yours. **R**

SECOND READING:
Revelation 5.1–10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on
the throne a scroll written on the inside and on

the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a
mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its
seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or
under the earth was able to open the scroll or
to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly
because no one was found worthy to open the
scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders
said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
conquered, so that he can open the scroll and
its seven seals.' Then I saw between the
throne and the four living creatures and
among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had
been slaughtered, having seven horns and
seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth. He went and took
the scroll from the right hand of the one who
was seated on the throne. When he had taken
the scroll, the four living creatures and the
twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each
holding a harp and golden bowls full of
incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take
the scroll and to open its seals, for you were
slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed
for God saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation; you have made them
to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL READING:
John 1.43–51

INTERCESSIONS

This week we remember and pray for:

For the Church: Vocations to lay and
ordained ministry.

For the World: The people of Yemen
and Syria.

For our Community: Those
administering and receiving the
COVID Vaccine.

THE SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED GOD'S HEALING TOUCH:

Heather Black; Stephen Davison;
David Armstrong; Bradley Tweedy;
Malcolm Bertram; Lillian Bell-Nevin;
Pat Lowing; Janet Becroft; Jessica
Bailey; June Smith; Pat Scales; Evan
Wharton; John Colvine; Joy Barkiss;
Andrew Davison; Chris Savic; Claire
Wealleans; James Kairton; Ian
Davison; Edna Maddison; Christine
Helm; Bernie Caswell; George
Stewart; Vera Huntley; Ian Young
(Pr.); Karen Millican; Maureen Burns.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:
Gary Coley; Jean Wilkinson.

THOSE WHO MOURN & THE DEPARTED:
Ronald Blount.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Henry Oliver; Albert Sobey; Joseph
Rochester; Les Johnston; George
Wealleans; Elizabeth Biggs; William
Main; Annie Gascoigne; John Gray;
Lyn Robson.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION:

*All those who are baptized or
confirmed or who are in good standing
with their own Church are welcome to
share fully in this Eucharist and
receive the Bread and Wine at the
Altar Rail. Alternatively, you are
welcome to come forward for a
blessing.*

COMMUNION SENTENCE:

Worthy is the Lamb to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might and
honour and glory and blessing!
Revelation 5.12

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. AMEN.

NEXT SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY (B)

FIRST READING:
Genesis 14.17–20
SECOND READING:
Revelation 19.6–10
GOSPEL READING:
John 2.1–11

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