

Mission & Outreach

A huge thank you to all those who left water, food donations and baby provisions during last year for John's Storehouse. They have made an urgent request for their supplies to be replenished after Christmas. Your continued support for homeless, families living with poverty and unemployment and those in need is much appreciated.

Please leave your donations at the Rectory front door on WEDNESDAYS only.

Or donations can now be left in church

Once again a massive thank you. *Revd Lisa*



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FYI : Revd Lisa & Michèle will be having their day off on Tuesdays

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The Weekly Service

Sunday 16th January 2022



Epiphany 2

*A very warm welcome to you all as we worship
the Lord together*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. but through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.

Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises by confessing our sins in penitence.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; Have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**COMPLINE AT ST PAUL'S
First Wednesday of the
month
at 7.00pm**

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

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**



**Christmas Shoebox
Appeal 2021**

We had a great donation of the shoe boxes.
They were taken to the Y Centre in Aylestone.
Sincere thanks to everyone who kindly gave a shoe - box
and helped to bring some hope to others this Christmas!

The Peace:

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Blessing

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

And the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and all those you love
now and forever.

Amen

The Dismissal

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Bible Reading

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John

Glory to you, O Lord.

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' ⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always.

We give you thanks for all those whom we have loved but who have gone ahead of us.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Gray, Judith Sykes,

From St Mary's Book of Remembrance

Roy Joseph Sury



From St Paul's Book of Remembrance

Gladys Elizabeth Bertram, Donald Ramsay, Nellie Hives,
Lewis Robert Ingham, Freda Parker, Edward George Harris

Rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God
rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith

Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace

Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored. We pray for Pat & Keith Randon, Stan & Di, Marlene Jenkins, Karen Lee, Jean Sury, Jean Bowley, Vincent Nash, June Shilton, Sue & John Thorne

Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit

Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life

Lord of truth,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and 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.

Amen.

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

One day pastor Joe told a class of children the story of Jesus changing the water into wine.

The pastor explained that what had happened was a miracle. And at the end of the class, pastor Joe asked the children what they had learned from the story.

So one little girl came forward and said, 'When you run out of wine, get on your knees and pray!'

The Gospel today tells us of Jesus turning water into wine. And this was the first of Jesus' miracles.

Yet for all who were there and knew Jesus, it had a profound effect on them and because of this many of Jesus' first disciples put their trust in Him.

So let us parachute into the wedding at Cana and observe Jesus with His mother Mary and His friends.

Now a wedding feast in Palestine usually lasted for a few days with the bride and groom offering all they had to their guests. Yet this particular wedding went on for a whole week which symbolises the social status of the bridal family. And it is on the third day of that week that we pick up the story.

Hold on something is happening!

The waiters look worried. The wedding host has turned pale and he is starting to sweat!

No, surely that hasn't happened. It's unthinkable!



The host has run out of wine at his own daughter's wedding!
The tongues will soon start to gossip in how your host has failed
to give the proper hospitality due.

What utter offence the guests will feel!

After all your host of the wedding feast was under an obligation to
provide a feast of the socially required standard.

Unlike today with a variety of beverages such beer, gin, cider,
J20's, in those days the choice was only water, or, wine.

So what did Jesus do?

He turned the huge jars of water normally used for the ceremonial
washing of Jewish people's hands, into wine.

And not just any wine; the best that could be found in Judaea.

Simply put, the best was saved for last!

The Bible tells us that Jesus often used miracles in the earthly world
to demonstrate spiritual truths.

He healed people to show that he had the authority to forgive sins.

He cursed a fig tree as a sign of coming judgement on the temple.

He healed on the Sabbath to show his authority over the Sabbath.

He raised people from the dead to show that He truly is the
resurrection and the life.

Jesus fed thousands of people to show that he is the bread of life.

And in today's Gospel, Jesus provides abundant blessings for a
wedding to show that He is the one who will provide the messianic
banquet of the Kingdom of God.

When the wine was running out, Mary tell Jesus about it.

Mary expected him to do something, for she told the servants to do
whatever Jesus said.

Whether she expected a miracle, or a quick trip to the nearest wine
market, we do not know.

But what is significant is not just the changing of the water into wine,
but a transformation in Judaism, where the spiritual cleansing of
Jesus' blood on the Cross would supersede all Jewish ritual washings.

So the question that the Gospel raises for us today, is do we need to
change the way we think?

If we do, then we might just see the something new and better that
Jesus came to show us.

And if like Mary, we could only put our complete trust and faith in God,
then we would know that He will provide for all our needs.

Similar to the wine at the wedding, where the best wine was saved until
last; Jesus' offering of Himself did what no other sacrifice could ever do
in all of history.

In shedding His own blood upon the Cross at Calvary, it is Jesus
alone who can wash away our sins and heal us through His most
precious body and blood in the Holy Eucharist.

So you see, God truly did save the best till last! ✕ Amen

Revd Lisa

Let us declare our faith together.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

