Sunday 16 January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany



A very warm welcome to our Service today

How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. Pslam 36.7

> Hymn 1 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice

Hymn 2 Rejoice the Lord is King



Hymn 3 Spirit of holiness I come with joy

Hymn 4

Hymn 5 Father, Lord of all creation

Sunday Lunch at the Golf Club 6 February 12.30pm

The next lunch at the Golf Club will be held on the above date, everyone is very welcome. To book please contact Pat Napper 01883 744026 or Ann Pressey 01883 744191





Sunday Club

Sunday club meets on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month. We start in Church and then go out to Church House. Join our Facebook group | St Mary's Bletchingley-Sunday Club or email Katedoody2012@qmail.com



Every Tuesday 10am-12noon for refreshments and cake. Come along and enjoy a refreshing drink and a slice of cake with good company.

We adhere to Covid safe procedures, and we look forward to welcoming you!





THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR ...

The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese

Our Rector Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.

Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family Dear God our Father, we thank you for the blessings of our country and for the freedom which we enjoy. We pray for our Queen and her family, and for those who govern in her name. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people. Let all who have power remember that they are your servants, and that your Son came to serve rather than to be served. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord in your mercy:- Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Communities of our United Benefice Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfilment in loving you and their neighbours; Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, anxiety, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield

Our World and its needs ALMIGHTY Father, at this unsettling time, we pray for your mercy across this nation and the world. Continue to give wisdom to the government and health experts, so they can advise us about the best action we can take. Please give NHS staff and other frontline workers the daily strength they need to endure through this difficult time. Help each one of us to act responsibly, to help others and to keep our eyes fixed on you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Link with Zimbabwe The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

Those who are unwell Heavenly Father, help all who are unwell. Comfort them with your presence from day to day. Help those who suffer from starvation or homelessness. Be with those in hospital who suffer mentally and physically. Be with those who care for the sick, especially the nurses and doctors, every day of their working lives. We ask this in your name. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer. Amen.

We remember Those When we are weary and in need of strength, When we are lost and sick at heart, We remember them. When we have a joy we crave to share, When we have designed that are difficult to make. When we have achievements

we have decisions that are difficult to make, When we have achievements that are based on theirs, We remember them. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, We remember them. At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, We remember them. At the rising of the sun and at its setting, We remember them. As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now part of us As we remember them.



Readings

Collect Prayer 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

First Reading



1 Corinthians 12, 1-11 Spiritual Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the

Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading 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.



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

Prayers for the week

God of the way, you are the road we travel, and the sign we follow; you are bread for the journey, and the wine of arrival. Guide us as we follow in your way, holding on to each other, reaching out to your beloved world. And when we stray, seek us out and find us, set our feet on the path again, and lead us safely home. In the name of Jesus, our Lord we pray. Amen.

Dear Lord, we thank you for your love, for how you provide all things that we need. We thank you and we ask you, O God, to continue to feed us, to work on us - and to move us to feed others. Father, just as you graciously provide for our spiritual nourishment through the Word revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, so we bring our physical needs and the needs of others before you, in the faith and confidence that you are willing to hear our prayers. We pray, O God, for the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world, those who are united with us at the one table of the Lord, and also for the people of his Church, that they may continue to illuminate the Word by their words and example.

Daily Readings for the Week

Mon	17 Jan	Psalm 145	Isaiah 54:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Tues	18 Jan	Psalm 145	Song of Solomon 4:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:3-17
Weds	19 Jan	Psalm 145	Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1	Luke 5:33-39
Thurs	20 Jan	Psalm 19	Isaiah 61:1-7	Romans 7:1-6
Fri	21 Jan	Psalm 19	Nehemiah 2:1-10	Romans 12:1-8
Sat	22 Jan	Psalm 19	Nehemiah 5:1-13	Luke 2:39-52

Upcoming Services at St. Mary's

18 - 25 Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	12 noon Daily	Prayers in Church
Sun 23 Jan 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Thurs 27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day	8pm	Service of Prayer and Reflection
Sun 30 Jan Candlemas	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Baptism
Sun 6 February	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Services at Bletchingley unless specified as Nutfield

Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am - 5pm for morning and evening prayer.

Baptism at St. Mary's

We pray for Ava Barker and her family, her Godparents and all those in her life as they prepare Ava for her baptism on 30 January.



Lord, surround this child with goodness, lead her in Your light each day; Help Ava walk the path You've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her Lord, to trust Your wisdom with a faith from up above; Keep her



from all harm, and bless her always with Your grace and love.

Amen

Wedding Banns at St. Mary's



We hold in our prayers

Zoey Jones & Jeffrey Brown as they

prepare for their wedding day and have

their Banns called,

We pray that their love for each other grows

stronger, and they become more and more aware of your great love for them. Guide them in their preparations, grant them patience, understanding and love.



Amen

Prayer Boats Update

At the Harvest Lunch many of you made paper boats on which you could write a prayer for Climate Change and Justice. This is the story of what happened to your boats told by Christian Aid's Campaigns and Activism Officer, Meg Raybould.

Last June we set sail for COP26 - At the time, the waters ahead were (and remain) choppy, but thousands of you navigated them through prayer and action. It all started in the aftermath of a disappointing G7 summit in Cornwall, with people in churches across the UK writing their prayers, hopes and calls for action on origami boats, which we've used to get the attention of world leaders.

Inspired by young Christians

Your boats were inspired by the Young Christian Climate Network's (YCCN)



pilarimage across the UK. Christian's These young journeyed across the UK leaving the G7 in Cornwall in June and arriving at COP26 in Glasgow on the eve of summit, covering incredible 1200 miles spreading a message of climate justice to everyone they met along the way.

They carried with them their own boat, representing that whilst climate change is a storm that affects us all, we have very different boats, and therefore aren't affected equally.

Setting sail for climate justice

Inspired by YCCN's pilgrimage, churches from all over the UK began creating small paper boats that made a big statement. It was incredible to see people of faith, from all ages and from as far afield as Canada and Australia joining the movement. By the time COP26 took place, almost 30,000 boats had been created. Each and every one adding to the pressure on world leaders to rise to the moment at COP26.

"These boats are a way for our voices to be heard in the corridors of power" - Deborah Mallett, Bristol.

Not only were your boats used for political pressure, but they were a great vehicle to help people reflect on the injustices of the climate crisis, to find their own voice and agency in responding, and to engage their wider church community. All of which will be incredibly important as together we help build a

stronger climate movement for years to come.

Anchoring in Glasgow

Around 10,000 of your immense fleet were taken directly to Glasgow for the COP26 summit and were displayed loud and proud at various locations across the city.



Local artist, Lorna Gallagher used them to create beautiful artwork. Lorna built 3 ships, covered in your colourful prayer boats. The bases are made from recycled and reclaimed wood, including boat parts such as masts, and sails.

During the fortnight of COP26 we invited faith leaders, activists, local politicians, COP26 delegates and more to come and see the artwork and read your prayers, whether at Glasgow Cathedral, Sandyford Henderson Memorial Church, or at Lorna's art studio on Dumbarton Road (one of the busiest streets in Glasgow).

During COP26 thousands more prayer boats were also displayed in churches across the UK enabling people across the UK to connect in hope and prayer for COP26.

And at key events and services during the week, your prayer boats were handed out to attendees to hold, connecting the prayers and people across the UK, in a moment of reflection and unity.

Handing in prayer boats to No.10

Art can be a brilliant and beautiful way of getting attention and a form of gentle and thoughtful protest. The boats made sure that key decision-makers directly heard your voices.

But we didn't stop there. We took your boats directly to Number 10 Downing Street and handed them to the Prime Minister ahead of COP26.

We also created photobooks, with pictures of your boats, and messages from hundreds of you and sent them to the Prime Minister, the COP president Alok Sharma, and other political leaders.

There is still a lot of work to be done to move forward for climate justice, but



your prayer boats brought joy, colour and hope to COP26. They sent a clear message to leaders - now is the time for climate justice.

As we move forward from COP26 we continue to pray with hope and determination.

Getting in Touch

Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you, or someone you know, would like to talk to, or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission).





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Hatch & Match with Rev Phe

If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.





Copy Deadline (see front page for any amended office hours/days) Please send notices to Elaine via the office

as above, by 10am each Tuesday for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.



