



EPIPHANY

Sunday 23 January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

A very warm welcome to
our Service today

The law of the LORD is perfect, the precepts of the LORD are right, the fear of the LORD is pure, and the ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. Psalm 19. 7-10

Hymn 1

Jesus shall reign

Hymn 2

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee

Hymn 3

Inspired by love and anger

Hymn 4

All heavens declares

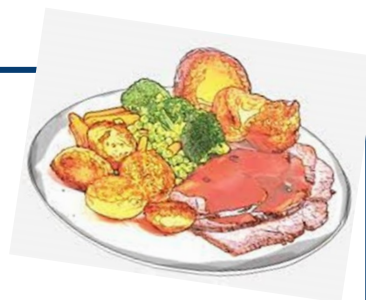
Hymn 5

Sing of the Lord's goodness



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@gmail.com

Hungry Hermit Café

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 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, 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



First Reading **Isaiah 9. 2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Second Reading **Ephesians 5. 8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Gospel Reading **Matthew 2. 1-12**

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Post Communion Prayer

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

Prayers for the week

Bless to us, O God, the road that is before us, bless to us, O God, the family and friends who are around us, bless to us O God, the love that is within us, bless to us, O God, the light that leads us home. Amen.

Father we ask for your encouragement and inspiration in all areas of ministry in the church; pour out your blessings on all who work towards the spreading of your Kingdom, we ask for guidance and protection in all areas of conflict and confusion in the world; pour out your wisdom on all who lead, we ask for reassurance and comfort wherever people are hurting or crying inside the brave face; pour out your welcoming love and give them the peace they crave, we ask for your firm holding, wherever our journey leads. Amen.

Daily Readings for the Week

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| Mon | 24 Jan | Psalms 119:89-96 | Jeremiah 36:1-10 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 |
| Tues | 25 Jan | Psalms 119:89-96 | Jeremiah 36:11-26 | 2 Corinthians 7:2-12 |
| Weds | 26 Jan | Psalms 119:89-96 | Jeremiah 36:27-32 | Luke 4:38-44 |
| Thurs | 27 Jan | Psalms 71:1-6 | 2 Chronicles 34:1-7 | Acts 10:44-48 |
| Fri | 28 Jan | Psalms 71:1-6 | 2 Chronicles 35:20-27 | Acts 19:1-10 |
| Sat | 29 Jan | Psalms 71:1-6 | 2 Chronicles 36:11-21 | John 1:43-51 |

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

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion & Sunday Club

Thurs 27 Jan

Holocaust Memorial Day



8pm

Service of Prayer and Reflection

Sun 30 Jan

Candlemas



8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion with Baptism

Sun 6 February

8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

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



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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The Benefice Office

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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.



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