

Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit...  
To each person the gifts of the Spirit are given  
for the benefit of all.  
1 Cor 12: 4-7

Would you like to develop your gifts for leading worship?  
The Dorchester Team is offering training on  
Saturday mornings 10.30am-12pm

29th January: Leading a Service of the Word @ Berinsfield Church

12th February: Using your voice and leading intercessions @ Long Wittenham Church

26th February: Lay Preaching venue to be confirmed

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## Covid 19

In line with the latest government legislation under Plan 'B' we are asking all those of you who are not exempt for any reason to please wear a mask for services and events in the team churches. We will have masks available for anyone who forgets! You may want to be aware that the clergy continue to take lateral flow tests to prepare for conducting weekly services, and you may want to consider doing this yourselves.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Welcome to our service today, especially any who are visiting us or are new parishioners.*

### The 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.

### The Shorter Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 36: 5-10

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; ♦  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life ♦  
and in your light shall we see light.
- 10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

## **New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **Gospel: Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>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 <sup>10</sup>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.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **For your prayers:**

We pray for God's church throughout the world, that we would be united in the body of Christ. May people of all faiths be united through reconciliation instead of argument, through understanding instead of difference, through kindness instead of anger. We give thanks for Church leaders in the Oxford Diocese and the Dorchester Team, as they continue to guide us in our journey of faith.

We pray for world leaders and those in authority: for those who hold the lives of millions in their hands. May they use this responsibility and privilege to do what is right, with integrity, wisdom and courage. We pray that all leaders would build bridges of hope, forgiveness, understanding and peace in the world. We give thanks for all who dedicate their lives to strive for peace and reconciliation.

We pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those affected by war, terror, disaster, famine or persecution. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers in this country, learning new ways, and separated from their loved ones. May they know your healing power and loving mercy. We give thanks for those who work in health and social care, those who help and support refugees, the homeless and the lost. We bring before God those who have died, those whom we hold in our hearts but see no longer. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of family or friends, that God would surround them with His unending love; that their grief may not overwhelm them.

We pray for all those who are on a journey, whether physical, spiritual or metaphorical. When the road is difficult, may God be our strength; when the way is dark, may Christ be our light; when we are lost, may the Holy Spirit guide us.

Today we pray especially for Sue and Richard, as they begin a new path in their lives. We give gracious thanks for their ministry; all that they have done and all that they are. We remember love and laughter, tears and sadness, sorrow and joy, shared in fellowship as they journeyed side by side with us. May God bless them and hold them in His loving care.

## **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.