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Sunday Pewsliip

Dickleburgh, Pulham Market, Pulham
St Mary, Rushall, Starston & Thelveton

24th January Epiphany 3 (White)

And the angel said to me, 'Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage
supper of the Lamb.'
Revelation 19 v9

A Message from our Rector

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." J.R.R. Tolkien

This quote became truly relevant to me the other day as I tried to avoid going through a very boggy patch of a field and ending up in a worse mess. I was literally swept off my feet, fell over into a big patch of mud and in the end had to crawl out with two very muddy dogs with me! The whole experience was quite an adventure and memorable!

There has been an enormous amount of rain this year and there is much flooding in many places. This week we have been fortunate in this area not to be affected too much by it. There are many though who have had to move out of their homes in other parts of the country which I am sure will have caused much anxiety and stress. Although their lives may feel turned upside it will be important to literally 'keep one's feet on the ground' to reorganise life and repair any damage that has been done by the flooding.

2021 does not for many seem to have been a brilliant start. With the dark January days, lack of social contact, managing Covid-19, and flooding, the light at the end of a dark tunnel cannot be seen. If nothing else life, now, is teaching many how to be resilient and courageous. Sometimes it may feel as we do not have control over things, which is what I was thinking as I was crawling my way of the mud the other day. In many ways that is true but with the faith and hope of the Christian faith and the help of one another we can travel through the traumas of life creatively and come through them having grown stronger spiritually and personally.

Let us keep persevering through these difficult times, keep praying for one another and keep looking towards the dawn of new light coming at the end of a very dark tunnel. As always if you would like a chat then please do give me a ring as I would love to hear from you.

God bless. Sarah

Services This week (through Zoom)

Sunday 24th January 2021

0930 BCP Communion - Starston

Meeting ID: 858 2279 6968

Passcode: 601642

1100 Morning Prayer - Thelveton

Meeting ID: 896 4575 1877

Passcode: 429110

Monday 25th January

2000 Compline - Contact Sarah for details

Tuesday 26th January

0800 Morning Prayer - Contact Sarah for details

1930 Pulham Market - Prayers
Contact Jaap Biersteker (01379 608539) for details

Wednesday 27th January

2000 Compline - Contact Sarah for details

Thursday 28th January

1930 Alpha Course - see John Adlam for details

Sunday 17th January 2021

Zoom Only

9.30am BCP Communion - Starston

1100 Morning Prayer - Thelveton

PLEASE NOTE

The Ministry & Wardens meeting planned for

Monday 1st February has to be postponed until Wednesday 3rd February at 1900hrs via zoom
any problems with this, please see Sarah

Access to the Sunday service through the telephone

If you would like to listen to the Sunday service through the telephone please ring either of the following numbers just before 09:30 on Sunday.

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

Then enter the details below when asked

Meeting ID: 898 0620 3025

Passcode: 425502

We regret that, due to the increase in Coronavirus rates locally, Dickleburgh Church will not be open for private prayer until further notice....

24th January Epiphany 3 (White)

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Revelation 19 v9

Collect

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**

(or)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Post Communion

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**

Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley) And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, 'bright and pure' for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

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Thanks be to God

Psalms 128

1 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. 5 The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

John 2.1-11

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayers for the Week

Sunday

Pray for our Benefice and each village community within it, giving thanks for all who minister within it, pastorally and practically. For Bishop Graham (Norwich), Bishop Alan (Thetford) and Bishop Jonathan (Lynn).

Monday

Pray for protection and good health of all NHS workers and carers at this critical time and give thanks for all the care, support they give to the general public. Pray that they will keep positive and find strength in the work that they do.

Tuesday

Give thanks for all essential workers and for their commitment to serving others through their work. For all owners of small businesses, all in the hospitality industry and those who work within the food chains such as factory workers. Pray for all have been made redundant and give them hope for their financial future.

Wednesday

Pray for all who are suffering through illness, those recovering from operations, those managing chronic diseases and all those suffering from Covid-19. Give them the support and care that they need and give them encouragement, peace and hope for the future. Hold before God all those who have lost their lives due to Covid-19 and pray for bereaved families.

Thursday

Pray for all who have been affected by the recent floods and who have had to be rehomed. Pray for all children, young people, parents, teachers and for online education that learning will still be achieved creatively and with as little stress as possible.

Friday

Pray for all those who are working and administering and organising the safe delivery of Covid-19 vaccines.

Saturday

Pray for family life for our families and friends and all whom we love. Hold before God all those who are finding family life difficult that they will find positive ways forward.