

**Sung Eucharist**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**19 January 2025**

A warm welcome to our services of Holy Communion. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge, Curate, is presiding and preaching at 8am and 10am. Children’s Church is meeting in the Hall during the 10am service.

**READINGS**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 36: 5-10

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

**HYMNS**

209 Through all the changing scenes of life

258 Author of life divine

257 Deck thyself my soul

170 The church’s one foundation

**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. **Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 62: 1-5**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,  
    and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
    and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
    and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
    that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
    and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
    and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
    and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
    and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
    so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
    so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 36: 5-10**

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens : and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains : thy judgements are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God : and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house : and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life : and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee : and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

**New Testament Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

A reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians

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.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**John 2: 1-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

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 be to thee, O Christ**

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Missa Brevis* - Palestrina**

**Psalm *36: 5 - 10***

You can find the words on page 3.

**Anthem**

***Videntes stellam* - Poulenc**

When they saw the star, the Wise Men were filled with a great joy and they went into the house. There to the Lord they offered gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. From Matthew 2. 10-11

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Missa Brevis* - Palestrina**

***Here is the little door* - Howells**

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold, Gold that was never bought nor sold; Myrrh to be strewn about His Bed; Incense in clouds about His Head; All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep. Bend low about His Bed: for each He has a gift; See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, oh lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword  
(Defend with it Thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red,  
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet, Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

*Words by Frances Chesterton*

**Organ voluntary**

***Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major,* BWV 564 – JS Bach**

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Sue Balmer, Ian Clark, Fiona Cochran, Gaie Delap, the Gethin family, Jerome Humes, Hessie Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Richard Poole, Debbie Sandringham, Teresa Scotchmer, David Skingley, Jean Smith, Anne and Noel Timmons, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll.

We remember all who have died recently including Philip Caine, Christabel Drakes, Barbara Henley, Pauline Kirkman, John Langford and Simon Mitchell. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 19 January *Second Sunday of Epiphany***

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Monday 20 January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 21 January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 22 January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 23 January**

8.00amHoly Communion

**Sunday 26 January *Third Sunday of Epiphany***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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