

This week's services



Sunday 24th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW

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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Philippians 3: 1-14</i>
Tuesday	<i>1 Corinthians 10: 1-13</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Corinthians 10: 14-11.1</i>
Thursday	<i>1 Corinthians 11: 2-16</i>
Friday	<i>1 Corinthians 11: 17-end</i>
Saturday	<i>1 Corinthians 12: 1-11</i>

Please pray for the following throughout the week

Monday *Those who are sick or grieving within our community.*

Tuesday *Those who are suffering in this country and around the world.*

Wednesday *The Queen and other leaders in this country.*

Thursday *For the troubled areas around the world, we pray for peace and justice.*

Friday *For the ministry of the Forest Edge Benefice and for those who lead us.*

Saturday *For an abundance of love, peace, harmony and forgiveness to reign within families and relationships.*

Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery, and particularly this week:
The Area Dean, David Salter



We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Laura Ellen Winter and Andrew John Douglas Earnshaw
to be married on 20th March 2021
at St James', Ramsden

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PEW SHEET

*3rd Sunday of
Epiphany*

24th January 2021

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your use at home.***

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The 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.

First Reading

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.

Epiphany

Second Reading

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.'

Gospel Reading

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.

Those who have been on holiday to Malta, may know that one of the bays is called Saint Paul's Bay, in the north of the island. It bears that name because Saint Paul was shipwrecked there on his way to prison in Rome. Tomorrow is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Originally he was known as "Saul", a Jewish leader who worked hard for the total destruction of the Christian Church, going from house to house to arrest people and put them in prison. This persecution was taking place after the Resurrection of Jesus, as more and more people became Christians. On a journey to Damascus, though, Saul was struck blind by a bright light suddenly shining around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul asked: "Who are you?" The voice replied: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, and you are persecuting me." Saul asked: "What am I to do, Lord?" The voice replied: "Stand up and go into Damascus. There you will be told what to do." Blind as he now was, Saul's companions had to lead him by the hand into Damascus. After three days, a man called Ananias had a vision, telling him to visit the blind Saul. At first he resisted, knowing that Saul had set out to imprison Christians, not to become one of them! He wondered if this was a trap, but the Lord told him: "You must go all the same, because Saul is the one I have chosen to bring the Gospel to many people." And so Ananias visited Saul and said to him: "Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your journey here. Be filled with the Holy Spirit, and receive back your sight." Saul's sight was restored, and he was baptised a Christian. From having persecuted Christians, he himself followed Christ and helped to spread the Gospel throughout various parts of the world.

**May the life of the Lord Jesus,
and the love of God the Father,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all.
Amen.**

