



# Epiphany

## Celebrating the Second Sunday of Epiphany Weekly Update 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Epiphany is the season of revelation and the traditional reading for this second Sunday is the Wedding in Cana of Galilee, which happens to be our reading today. John refers to this miracle as 'the first of the signs through which Jesus revealed his glory.' (Jn 2:11) But just how is Jesus' glory revealed? I suggest in three ways: Throughout the Old Testament the relationship between God and Israel is often referred to as a marriage - here Jesus was establishing his ministry in the context of a wedding banquet. He put things right by providing abundantly what was required - God's grace, through Christ, knows no bounds. The stone jars he used were thought to be for ceremonial cleansing in compliance with the Mosaic law - Jesus came to fulfil the law and bring in the new wine of the Kingdom, which we now enjoy. Glory indeed!

### Verse of the Week –

***You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. Isaiah 62:3***

### Collect for today!

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.



### Bible Reading(s)

**Today's reading; Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-11**

Next week's readings; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4:14-21



### Services in the Parish this week;

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham**

**9.15am Breakfast Church\*, Sandford St Martin's**

\*Due to the Covid situation, we are not serving food or drinks at Breakfast Church at present, hence the later start time of 9.15am.

**10.00am Holy Communion, Lady St Mary, Wareham**

**10.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St John the Evangelist, East Holme**

**10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's, Sandford**

**10.30am Parish Online Service** - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialing: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls**



### Prayer Focus:

#### We give thanks to God for:

- The reminders of new life we see in emerging snowdrops and other green shoots.
- Those who work behind the scenes to support the work of the church.
- All in our community who support the vulnerable.

#### We pray to God for:

- Those who are homeless or vulnerably housed.
- Common sense for all of us as we continue to learn to live with COVID 19
- Wisdom for our government and leaders around the world.

#### Those asking for prayer:

Mark Lambert, Zamira Gates, Ruby Selby, Anne Mills, Rebecca Hogg, Heather Preston, Gill Ashworth, Frances Watts, Judith Nott, Libby and Matthew Richter, Lottie Bugler, Edna Farley

#### Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

#### Our Mission Prayer:

We pray for the Reverend Andy Bowerman as he prepares to leave the Mission to Seafarers in Dubai, to become the new Dean of Bradford Cathedral.



#### Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.

#### Latest Government Guidance for Coronavirus

Considering the latest Government regulations, **please note that** Face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship, for people aged 11 and over, unless you have an exemption.



## The New Bishop of Salisbury



It was announced on Thursday that The very Reverend Stephen Lake is to be the new Bishop of Salisbury. For those who have been in these parts for a while will know that Stephen is a local lad from Poole and served as priest at St Aldhelm's Branksome and was also Rural Dean at the turn of the millennium. Our congratulations to him and we look forward to welcoming him into the diocese sometime after Easter. For more details go the diocesan website.

### 'GREEN TIP' by Helen Williams

Rather than put those Christmas presents you do not know what to do with away in a cupboard and forgetting about them, give them away now. Food items might be able to go to the food bank while they are still in date. Other items could go to a charity shop.



### What's happening in the Parish

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** PCC meeting Parish Hall 7.30pm

On Wednesday evening this week there is a PCC meeting, please pray for this and all who will take part, may they have ears to hear, hearts to obey and the will to do what is right.



### Candlemas

**On Sunday 30th January** we will be celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) and, as has become our custom, we shall be holding a choral evening service to celebrate this at 6pm. Please do make a note of this in your diaries.

### Science and Faith talk by the Reverend Helen Williams

**Lady St Mary church, Thursday 17th February 2022 at 7pm.**

Dr Helen Williams is an ordained priest, with a PhD in Astronomy from Cambridge University. Her research interests were, Extragalactic Gas Clouds. Helen will speak on faith and science and there will be an opportunity to ask questions directly after her talk.



### Homegroups

Homegroups Helen's Friday group is splitting into 2 groups, one half of which will be ably led by Brigid. That means we have some space for new members, so if you are interested in joining a homegroup, please contact Helen at [curate@warehamchurches.org.uk](mailto:curate@warehamchurches.org.uk)

## Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	145, <b>146</b>	Genesis 6:11-7:10	Matthew 24:1-14
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>132</b>	Genesis 7:11-end	Matthew 24:15-28
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>81</b> , 147:13-end	Genesis 8:1-14	Matthew 24:29-end
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>76</b> , 148	Genesis 8:15-9:7	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>27</b> , 149	Genesis 9:8-19	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>122</b> , 128, 150	Genesis 11:1-9	Matthew 25:31-end

## \*Indicates Festival

## Parish Office

The Parish Office is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am – 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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