



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet 17 January 2021 The Second Sunday of Epiphany



‘Come and See!’

Legend has it that one day the ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes stepped into a bath and noticed that the water around him rose. He suddenly realized that the volume of water displaced in the bath was equal to the volume of the part of his body submerged in the water. He immediately realised how to measure the volume of an irregular shaped object, like a human body. Apparently he was so excited that he shouted “Eureka! Eureka!” and then ran naked through the streets of Syracuse, telling everyone of his discovery. ‘Eureka!’ ‘It just hit me!’ ‘Aha!’ ‘I’ve got it!’ All of these exclamations are ways of exclaiming, ‘I’ve

just had an epiphany!’ Sunday’s gospel shows us that when we encounter God in Jesus, we see reality differently, and we too have a Eureka, Epiphany moment. Philip is invited to follow Jesus and he invites his friend Nathaniel to ‘Come and See!’ and they both have Eureka moments. In these Covid-19 times when we have been encouraged to stay at home and not come to church as we keep ourselves safe, we must see that invitation to dwell in the presence of Christ, and he in us, in its widest sense. We continue to meet virtually online in our Facebook services and our Zoom Coffee morning. The virus has isolated and made our fundraising events almost impossible but it is incumbent on us to share the love and light of Christ in simple acts of friendship and kindness – and there will come a time when you can come and see and (for those unable to get out) for us to come and see you.

With every blessing,

Fr James

The Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?...

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?...

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Welcome

Words of welcome to those in church and those online are given.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.**

Reading | Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Gospel Reading John 1:43-51

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the bidding

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Organ music is played. At the end this prayer is said.

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Living God, Father of light, hope of nations, friend of sinners, builder of the city that is to come: your love is made visible in Jesus Christ, you bring home the lost, restore the sinner and give dignity to the despised. In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with apostles, evangelists and martyrs, we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *The Agnus Dei is said as the bread is broken.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion *The sacrament is distributed. Organ music is played.*

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices *The notices and announcements are given.*

Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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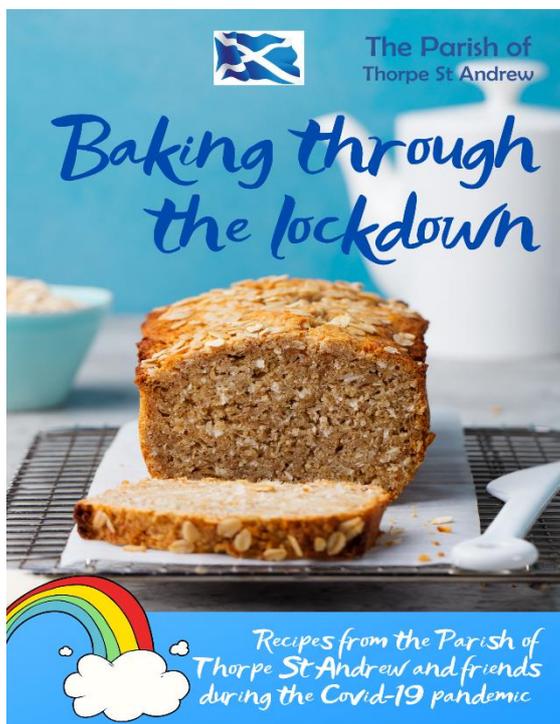
The Blessing

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.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Voluntary



'BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN' RECIPE BOOK

Copies can be purchased from church, Mazzoni's Newsagents, Gordon Barber Funeral Directors – both still able to be open in the national lockdown. They can also be ordered by email from Christine Cutting (cutting248@btinternet.com) or by phoning the Rectory or leaving a message on the answerphone 01603 439160. We will deliver free in Thorpe St Andrew/Thorpe End. Beyond that, postage and packing starts at £2.00.

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King
Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Archdeacons** Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley **Ecumenical** Roman Catholic Church: Diocese of East Anglia, Bishop Alan Hopes. All our brothers and sisters in all denominations as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on 18 January. **Anglican Communion** The Anglican Church of Australia.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline, particularly all who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Convenience Store and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Road (Mr and Mrs Dhalla), Thorpe Family Butchers, Blofield Farm Shop

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Gunner Close, Hampden Drive, Hansell Road
Our community For all those in our community struggling with the third national lockdown, remembering all our civic leaders at Town, District and County level.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Paul Rayner, Mark King, Fr Patrick Kerley, Chloe Smith MP, Alan Fleming

THE DEPARTED

The recently departed

Malcolm Smith (20th Jan), Frances Parker (21st Jan), Kathleen Eglinton (2nd Feb), Ernest Webb (3rd Feb), Raymond Fountain (4th Feb), Tony Towers (5th Feb), Brian Riseborough, John Wright

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including (20th Jan) Norman Whitehead, (20th Jan) Ivy Butler, (21st Jan) Percy Ebbage, (21st Jan) George Goulty

Other notices and announcements

IMPORTANT STATEMENT: Keeping safe in the third lockdown

Following the announcement of a third national lockdown, and encouraged by the Bishop of Norwich, we have undertaken a **FURTHER** review of arrangements for services and church opening, in consultation with our churchwardens. In view of the advice of Professor Chris Whitty and others to stay at home, we strongly agree with our Bishop, who has written that 'our priority must be to look out for our neighbours and protect the vulnerable', urging us to be exceptionally careful and at the same time acknowledging real concerns about isolation, loneliness and mental well-being. The Bishop has made it possible to suspend public worship. With this in mind the following will take place:

- The church will remain open between 10 and 4 Tuesday to Sunday, but be closed on Mondays. Covid-19 precautions are in place and seating is limited.
- The church will stream the Parish Eucharist online at 9.30am **LIVE** on Facebook each Sunday from the Parish Church. Until further notice, only those involved in the online service may attend.
- **ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED.**
- Funerals will continue to go ahead in both churches limited to 30 people.
- Morning Prayer will be said by the clergy alone. Please do be in touch with any prayer intentions.
- Zoom Coffee Morning will take place on a weekday at 11.00am each week.
- Details of our Lent Course on Zoom will follow in the weeks ahead.
- Parish Life will continue, with all distributors taking Covid-19 precautions.
- Pastoral care will continue to be offered by the clergy and others. Any specific needs should be communicated to the Rector on 01603 439160.

FACEBOOK Whilst I realise that not everyone is a fan of Facebook, I wanted to record the achievements we have made since our page was launched in November 2016. We have over 1040 likes and more followers. Our services are online through Facebook and offer playback facility at no charge. It is now possible to give to our mission and ministry through Facebook. Some already have, for which we are very grateful. This is available to all in our community.

ZOOM COFFEE – CHANGE OF DATE for THIS COMING WEEK

Please do support this if you can. It is a great way of staying in touch. The next 'virtual coffee morning' takes place on **Friday 22 January at 11.00am**. Zoom details will come with the email notices.

100 CLUB RESULTS - JANUARY DRAW

Winners: £25 - No 89: Victor Scrivens; £15 - No 51: Patience Skelton

ZOOM CATCH-UP FOR 'CAFÉ CHURCHERS' – NEXT SUNDAY

We will have a brief catch-up for Café Church on Sunday 24 January at 11.00am on Zoom. Zoom code to follow.

GIFT AID The treasury team would like to say "thank you" to all of you who have returned the completed gift aid forms so far. If you haven't done so yet, please can you get this back as soon as you can.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL Thank to you all for the way in which you have responded to giving during this pandemic. Please continue to give as generously as you can. There is a lot to do this year and we will need as much financial support as possible. When we are in a position to return we will provide more information. If you have a question in relation to giving please contact our Treasurer on her email: treasurersa@gmail.com

NATIVITY COLOURING COMPETITION EXTENDED As announced last week we have decided to extend the competition for two weeks. Please spread the word. Please print off these last two pages of last week's notices with form and colouring sheet. This can be supplied by email separately on request. This competition is for those aged 11 and under. For those aged 12 and over – a slightly different challenge!! Please produce a piece of artwork of any sort which links the Christmas story to the Covid-19 pandemic. Entries for both competitions close at 11.59pm on Friday 22 Jan.

BRIAN RISEBOROUGH RIP News of Brian's death reached us after these notices were prepared last week. Brian was a much-loved member of our community and choir. He would come up to me and introduce himself when I first came. A lovely man! Brian and his sister moved to a nursing home in Brundall last year and he attended the Dementia Café there so his funeral is in Brundall. Invitation only due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please do keep Rachel and Emma and the family in your prayers. I have Rachel's address which I can give out, if you are in touch with me individually.

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