



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet

24 January 2021

The Third Sunday of Epiphany



Do whatever he tells you!

It may look and sound a little strange having just celebrated Advent and Christmas to find ourselves at a wedding with Mary and Jesus; but here we are! Mary gently points and leads us to Jesus through her own word and example. At this family wedding in Cana at which Mary and Jesus were invited guests, Mary is concerned about the young couple and not herself. She knows that soon there will be no wine, and that at a Jewish wedding this is a cause of great shame and embarrassment. She explains the situation to Jesus and he seems to dismiss her; but she does not give up! She confidently tells the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Mary caught the

attention of the servants at the wedding and she is trying to catch our attention today. What is Jesus asking us to do? He is inviting us to follow him. He is asking us to love each other as he loves us. He is asking us to forgive each other. He is asking us to live like him in our ordinary daily lives and he is asking to reach out and to care for those who are poor, homeless, alone and hungry. By doing all this we are his followers and disciples. Sitting at home in a third lockdown how do we do this? By following the example of Mary who did what God asked her to do! Today, as God's servants I pray that we may listen to Mary, and do what Jesus asks each of us to do. It's powerful stuff!

With every blessing,

Fr James

The Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Hymn

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept his love and to share it with others.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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, 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.**

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.

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

Hymn

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

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Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

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.

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.**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.' Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will. 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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, your only Son, who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross, you willed to reconcile all creatures. In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth, that bound together by one faith and one

baptism we might become his body. Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples to work marvels by innumerable gifts and an abundant variety of graces. Gathering us together in unity, your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children, filling the whole Church with his presence and guiding it with wisdom from above. And so, with steadfast love, we proclaim your glory and join with hosts of angels in their triumphant hymn of praise:

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

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.**

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

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee address,
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee address,
God in Man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.**

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 Marche Nuptiale - Alexandre Guilmant

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** All our brothers and sisters in all denominations as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)
Anglican Communion The Church of Bangladesh.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline work, particularly all public transport workers – drivers of trains and buses, office staff and those working on the infrastructure of rail and road.

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Harvey Close, Harvey Lane, Henby Way **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. **Vaccination** Giving thanks for those who have already received the first dose of their vaccine, for those working in the NHS to roll out the programme and for those waiting to hear.

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 Garrood, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Mark King, Chloe Smith MP, Alan Fleming

THE DEPARTED

The recently departed Kathleen Eglinton (2nd Feb), Ernest Webb (3rd Feb), Raymond Fountain (4th Feb), Tony Towers (5th Feb), Haydn Morris (26th February), Brian Riseborough, John Wright, Paul Rayner, Arthur Bowles (priest) **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** including Jean Rayner (24th), Raymond Martin (24th), Jinny Carrington (28th)

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:

- 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.
- Parish Life will continue, with all distributors taking Covid-19 precautions.
- Pastoral care will continue to be offered by the clergy and others.

RECTOR'S HOLIDAY Fr James will be taking annual leave this week (25 January to 1 February). Sadly no trip to Tenerife this January but an opportunity to have a break after a busy time. Please do be in touch with Fr Taylor in his absence, if needed – 01603 387401.

ZOOM COFFEE This will take place as usual at 11.00am on **Thursday 28 January 2021**. Please do support this as you can. It is a great way of staying in touch. In the following week Zoom Coffee will take place on Friday 5 February 2021 at 11.00am. The next 'virtual coffee morning' takes place. Zoom details will come with the email notices.

100 CLUB RESULTS - JANUARY DRAW

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

HAYDN MORRIS RIP Many of you will be aware of the death of Haydn who died, aged 92, on Monday after a fall. A much-respected member of our community and within the sporting life of our city and county as Director of Sport of UEA, he was also a long serving and respected Magistrate and stalwart of our 8.00am congregation. A great privilege to minister to and a shining example of the best that his native Wales can produce. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jean and Ian, Gill and Richard and their families.

GREETINGS FROM FR PATRICK KERLEY I rang Fr Patrick this week and he reports that, after quite a lot of pain from having had his pacemaker fitted in November, he is now getting better. He sends his love and best wishes.

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

BRIAN RISEBOROUGH RIP Brian was a much-loved member of our community and choir. He would come up to the Rector and introduce himself when he 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. Rachel's address is available if needed, through the Rector.

Lent 2021 – our online programme

17 February Ash Wednesday Service online: 6pm

19 February, 5 March, 19 March Virtual Lent Lunches by Zoom. A chance to come together (and a change from Zoom Coffee) – 12.30pm. Bring your own soup. More info to follow!

24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March Lent Study Group.

A real chance to join together this Lent when other commitments are not possible. Details from Fr Taylor or Fr James in due course. Each session takes place at 2.30pm

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