



**Weekly Newsletter for  
The Benefice of Evesham, All Saints  
with Norton & Lenchwick, St Egwin**



Readings and Notices for  
Sunday 21 January 2024  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

**SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY**

Time	Service/Event	Church/Venue	Details
8.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints	President & Preacher: The Vicar
10.00am	Service of Worship	St Egwins	Led by Lindsay Ladbroke
10.00am	Parish Communion	All Saints	President: & Preacher: The Vicar

**Service book:** Christmas and Epiphany

**Music setting:** Archer

**Sides:** Sara Greedy, Pam Cuthbert

**Readers:** Marjorie Arthurs, Jim Jarvis

**Intercessions:** Lee Fisher

**Coffee:** Pam & Jim Osborne

Therefore we pray that his spirit  
preside  
over the wedding of bridegroom and  
bride,  
fulfilling all that they've hoped will come  
true,  
lighting with love all they dream of and  
do.

**Hymn**

God, in the planning and purpose of life,  
hallowed the union of husband and  
wife:

this we embody where love is  
displayed,  
rings are presented and promises made.

Jesus was found, at a similar feast,  
taking the roles of both waiter and  
priest,  
turning the worldly towards the divine,  
tears into laughter and water to wine.

Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the  
Son,  
source of the love through which two  
are made one.  
God's is the glory, the goodness and  
grace  
seen in this marriage and known in this  
place.

**Collect**

Your sovereign rule. O God, draws near  
to us in the person of Jesus your Son.  
Your word summons us to faith; your  
power transforms our lives. Free us to

follow in Christ's footsteps, so that neither human loyalty nor earthly attachment may hold us back from answering your call. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **First reading – a reading from the book of Genesis**

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.  
*Genesis 14.17-20*

### **Second reading – a reading from book of Revelation**

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.'

*Revelation 19.6-10*

### **Hymn**

Life for the poor was hard and tough,  
Jesus said, 'That's not good enough;  
Life should be great and here's the sign:  
I'll turn water into wine.

*Jesus turned the water into wine, (x 3)  
And the people saw that life was good.*

Life is a thing to be enjoyed,  
Not to be wasted or destroyed.  
Laughter is part of God's design;  
Let's turn water into wine!

*Jesus turned ....*

Go to the lonely and the sad,  
Give them the news to make them glad,  
Helping the light of hope to shine,  
Turning water into wine!

*Jesus turned ....*

## **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

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.

*John 2.1-11*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of Being, Life and Love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
give us grace to love as brothers -  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love may all men see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known.

### **Hymn**

Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Know his grace, find his peace  
Feast on Jesus here

*In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here*

Here we are, joined in one  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
We'll proclaim, till he comes  
Jesus crucified

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

### **Hymn**

Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sag-es from afar;  
Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem  
In Thy birth at Beth-le-hem;  
Anthems be to Thee ad-dressed,  
God in man made ma-ni-fest.

Manifest at Jor-dan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King su-preme;  
And at Cana, wed-ding guest,  
In Thy God-head ma-ni-fest;  
Manifest in pow-er di-vine,  
Changing wa-ter into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee ad-dressed,  
God in man made ma-ni-fest.

Manifest in mak-ing whole  
Palsied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
Manifest in val-iant fight,  
Quelling all the dev-il's might;  
Manifest in gra-cious will,  
Ever bring-ing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee ad-dressed,  
God in man made ma-ni-fest.

Sun and moon shall dark-ened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee,  
Christ will then like light-ning shine,  
All will see His glo-ri-ous sign:  
All will then the trum-pet hear;  
All will see the Judge ap-pear.  
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed,  
God in man made ma-ni-fest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in Thy ho-ly Word;  
May we im-i-tate Thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we like to Thee may be  
At Thy great Epi-pha-ny;  
And may praise Thee, ev-er blest,  
God in man made ma-ni-fest.

### **Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 21 January 2024**

#### **Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:**

Carole Vizer, Sue Hopkins, Carol Thould,  
Christine Vellender,

#### **Those who have recently died:**

Ian Chapman. Jean Wood, John Darby,  
James Corbett, Frederick Thompson.

**Year's Mind:** Percy Stock, Eric Fantozzi,  
Louis Newbury, Jacqueline Pick,  
Barbara Owles, Helena Grove,  
John Iorns.

## Notices

### John Darby

John passed away in the early hours of Monday morning (15 Jan) after a long struggle with cancer. His stay in Cheltenham General Hospital was accompanied by his wife Margaret and sons Andrew and Neil. In the course of that time, he was visited by many friends but the lives he has touched over the years are too many to count.

John's faith and his passion for evangelism were great driving forces in his life. His enthusiasm was contagious, which infused his time as Church Secretary at Evesham Baptist Church and the subsequent energy he provided both to drive Churches Together in Evesham and District and Evesham Street Pastors. His death leaves a huge gap in the shared life of Christians in Evesham.

His family is requesting a quiet cremation conducted by Andy Smith and me. This will be followed by a celebration of his life. I will post details as soon as I know them.

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### Fundraising meeting

We will be getting together to discuss our ideas for this years fundraising. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 23 January 2.30pm in Church House downstairs meeting room.

SG

### Parish magazine

The price of a magazine will be increasing to £1 per copy/ £10 per year as of January 2024, we have not increased the price for some time and need to try and cover our costs!

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## **Services and Events for the week ahead**

### **Monday 22 January**

6.30pm Yellow Scarf, Church House.

### **Tuesday 23 January**

10.30-12.30 EVWR English class, Church house

2.30pm Fundraising meeting, Downstairs meeting room, Church House

### **Wednesday 24 January**

9.30am Stay and Play, All Saints

10.00am Yellow Scarf, Church House

7.30pm Saving Jesus—The resurrection of Christ. The Vicarage.

### **Thursday 25 January**

10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.

President & preacher: The Vicar

5.45pm Yellow Scarf, Church House

### **Friday 26 January**

2.00pm Tea Service, All Saints.

### **Saturday 27 January**

11.00am Peregrine Falcon meeting, All Saints.

### **Sunday 28 January**

8.00am Holy Communion, All Saints.

President and preacher: The Vicar

10.00am Parish Communion, St Egwin's.

President & preacher: Revd Canon John Green

10.00am Parish Communion. All Saints.

President: The Vicar

Sides: Jackie Dale, Roberta Matthews

Readers: Amy Hall-Cook, Lindsay Ladbroke

Intercessions: Jayne Fleetwood

Coffee: Colette Arbuthnot, Jayne Fleetwood.

## Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Date	Venue and time
Day 1 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints 10.a.m.
Day 2 Fridays 19 <sup>th</sup>	Methodist Shoppers Service 10.30
Day 3 Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Day 4 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Elim Church 6p.m
Day 5 Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vale of Evesham Christian Centre 7.30 p.m
Day 6 Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Baptist Church 12 noon followed by soup lunch
Day 7 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Peters Bengeworth 10.30 a.m.
Day 8 Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	House of the open door (Childswickham)7p.m

Lent 2024  
at  
**ALL SAINTS  
EVESHAM**

**THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION**



19th February	<b>TELL</b>
26th February	<b>TEACH</b>
4th March	<b>TEND</b>
11th March	<b>TRANSFORM</b>
18th March	<b>TREASURE</b>

We are offering a five week reflection on Christian presence, using The Five Marks of the Anglican Communion.

This will not be a course in Anglican theology nor a provision for Anglicans only; anyone is welcome. We will be using the Communion's headings as ways of considering what the implications are for any Christian mission in the communities in which we are set.

Taking place at All Saints on **Monday evenings 7:00pm-for 7:30pm** start, concluding at 9:00pm, we will be using the interactive format which worked well with Bishop Robert Paterson in the *Stronger Together* conversations during Lent last year.

To register, please call Church House, Evesham (01386) 442213 or email <lent2024@evesham.church>

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