



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



Readings and Notices for
Sunday 28 January 2024
The Fourth 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	Parish Communion	St Egwins	President & preacher: Revd Canon John Green
10.00am	Parish Communion	All Saints	President: & Preacher: The Vicar

Service book: Christmas and Epiphany

Music setting: Archer

Sides: Jackie Dale, Roberta Matthews

Readers: Amy Hall-Cook,
Lindsay Ladbroke

Intercessions: Jayne Fleetwood

Coffee: Colette Arbuthnot,
Jayne Fleetwood.

Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Collect

Faithful God, your Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, spoke the truth with authority, and you confirmed his teaching by wondrous deeds. Through his healing presence, drive far from us all that is unholy, so that by word and deed we may proclaim him Messiah and Lord and bear witness to your power to heal and save. 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 Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.' *Deuteronomy 18.15-20*

Second reading – a reading from book of Revelation

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red

dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;

Revelation 12.1-5a

Hymn

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets:
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too;
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets
where injustice spirals
and all hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too;
in the kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too;
let my care be active,
healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
his strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I feel triumph too;
on suspicion's graveyard,
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Come and walk faith's tightrope,
I will guide your feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few;
walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Mark 1.21-28

Offertory Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then would I thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace -
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist
we have proclaimed the mystery of your
love: help us so to live out our days that
we may be signs of your wonders in the
world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Hymn

Thy kingdom come, O God!
Thy rule, O Christ begin!
Break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin!

Where is thy reign of peace,
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
oppression, lust, and crime
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred Name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise, and never set!

Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 28 January 2024

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Carole Vizor, Sue Hopkins, Carol Thould,
Christine Vellender.

Those who have recently died:

John Darby, James Corbett, Frederick
Thompson, Victor Storey.

Year's Mind: Reginald Leggett,
Agnes Hancock, Eileen Wootton,
Alan Jones, Christopher Cox,
Jack Harwood, Robert Lippett,
Enid Bearder, Herbert Watts

Notices

Candlemas Shared Lunch – 4th February

This year, we are celebrating Candlemas and also welcoming Lesley through Baptism in our service on the 4th February. We thought this would be an ideal opportunity to enjoy a Bring and Share Parish Lunch. All are welcome, but please sign up on the lists provided at the back of church. Rosie

Stay and Play on Wednesdays (term-time)

Our parents and children group is growing and we are enjoying welcoming new babies weekly. We have a good team of four, but are asking for people who might be willing to step in and help when one of the team is away. This could be for only one or two occasions a year if we have a few volunteers. It's great fun and a chance to meet new families. Please speak to Rosie or Jayne if you are interested. Thank you.

Archbishop Justin's visit

Join us as Archbishop Justin visits the Diocese on Saturday 3 February for a day of focussed prayer that more people will come to know the love of Jesus and join us in our life and worship; praying for our parishes, schools and communities. No need to book, just come along:

10am: Top Church, Dudley - An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

12.30pm: Prayer lunch at Pershore Abbey - bring your own picnic lunch.

2.15pm: The Cathedral. An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations. All are welcome.

Royal Ballet

On Wednesday 24 April 7.15pm there is a live stream of the Royal Ballet's Swan Lake at The Regal Cinema. Tickets are £15.75 adults, £13.75 for Concessions. Please let Sara Greedy know if you would like to go by 4 February as tickets are selling fast. Email—secretary@evesham.church

John Darby

There will be a celebration of John's life Monday 19th February at 2.00pm at St. Peter's Church in Bengeworth, Evesham.

Foodbank

Anyone interested in helping with the foodbank are welcome to join us for meeting on Tuesday 13 February at 6pm, Church house to discuss the way forward. Please let John Ellis know if you will be attending.

Services and Events for the week ahead

Monday 29 January

6.30pm Yellow Scarf, Church House.

Tuesday 30 January

10.30-12.30 EVWR English class, Church house

Wednesday 31 January

9.30am Stay and Play, All Saints

11.00am Funeral of Frederick Thompson, St Egwins.

11.00am Yates Court service of Worship led by Lindsay Ladbroke.

3.00pm Funeral of James Corbett, Vale Crematorium

Thursday 1 February

10.00 am Communion by extension, All Saints, led by Lindsay Ladbroke

5.45pm Yellow Scarf, Church House

Friday 2 February

2.00pm Tea Service, All Saints.

Sunday 4 February

8.00am Holy Communion, All Saints.

President and preacher: The Vicar

10.00am Service of worship, St Egwin's. Led by Julie Westlake

10.00am Baptism & Parish Communion. All Saints.

President & Preacher: The Vicar

Sides: Colette Arbuthnot, Jayne Fleetwood

Readers: Amanda Palmer, Colette Arbuthnot

Intercessions: Clive Greedy

Coffee: Rosie Grove, Carol Sheehan

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Lent 2024
at
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EVESHAM**

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION



19th February	TELL
26th February	TEACH
4th March	TEND
11th March	TRANSFORM
18th March	TREASURE

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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