

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b> 2000 PCC Meeting
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Said Eucharist</b>
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1030 Toddletime Playgroup <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> 2000 WH Deanery S & PC Meeting
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Funeral Service - P. Pearson
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

**Monetary Collection during the Offertory hymn has resumed.**

Refreshments (food & drink) is not being served at the moment.

**We resume serving from February onwards.**

### REMINDER:

**Social distancing rules still in place!**

**Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit**

**One way entry/exit**

**Keep your masks on whilst on the premises!**

## News

There will be a **Confirmation Service** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May @0915.

If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please speak to the Vicar before the end of January.

Funeral service in church:  
Peter Pearson - Sat, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan @1100.

Many have informed us that they missed out on contributing to Retired Organist, Robin Coxon's leaving gift but very much like to do so. We extend this collection until 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please give your donations directly to the Parish Office or drop it off at the

Vicarage. **There is a special card available for you to sign (after Sunday services)** too as well if you wish.

Amanda and Abigail Williams are walking the Thames Winter Challenge on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, fundraising for Teenage Cancer Trust and BEAT (eating disorders charity) respectively. They would be very grateful if you like to donate, by directly clicking on their justgiving webpages:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/teenagecancertrust>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abigail-williams19>

## Welcome

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

### Third Sunday of Epiphany

#### Services Today

**8am SAID EUCHARIST**

**9:15am PARISH COMMUNION**

**With regrets, no Parish Coffee for now (Resumes on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb).**

*Youth & Children's* YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.

*Church (YACC)* **Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

**Years 5 - 7 Song School; Year 8 upwards in the Cellar**

*Music* **Hymns to be sung by the congregation with masks on!**

**2 489 490 170**

Choir: Oldroyd - Missa Ave Jesu

Cornelius - The Three Kings

**6pm CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Music* Choir: *Introit* Bennet - Ave Maria *Responses* Reading  
*Psalms* 33 vs 1-12 *Chant* CH Lloyd *Canticles* Wood in D  
*Anthem* Shephard - The Birds *Hymns* **426 609**  
*Dismissal* Leighton/Harrison

This week we pray for all who live and work in Barn Close and Barnside Court.

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#### **OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):**

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**Sunday 23 January 2022**  
**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**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.

**Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

**1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because

I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

**Luke 4: 14-21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**Next Sunday: Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2: 22-40**  
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