

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	15 th	
Tuesday	16 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	17 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 PCC Meeting 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	18 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	19 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	20 th	
Sunday	21 st	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

CHURCH FLOWERS Donations:

Throughout the year (excluding Lent/Advent) our Flower Team welcomes any donations (small or big, this need not be a huge sum for a pedestal, even the odd £ or two would be invaluable for the team to build up a kitty!). Of course for named tributes (as seen in the pew leaflet) please contact the Parish Administrator with full details and also write your request on the displayed list in the porch. This incredible small team is self-managing and they have 2 team co-ordinators (Julie Lowes and Claire Meola) who are happy to advise. Please give monies directly to the Parish Office. Thank you.

News

URGENT APPEAL:

If anyone can spare the odd Saturday evening, we need 9 helpers to serve interval refreshments during WG Concert Club concerts(7-9pm). Supplies are provided by Parish Office—all you need to do is turn-up on the date! See list of dates starting 27th Jan, in the porch. Please sign-up asap. *So far only 1 helper signed up for the next 3 dates Your giving of these few hours is really needed!*

More info: Churchwardens, Rob or Carol.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS Appeal:

Any unwanted (new or unopened condition, please): e.g. toiletry sets, Toys, gift sets, in date (typically alcoholic) beverages. These come in very handy for our early Spring socials/family events as prizes. Please consider re-gifting them to the church. Thank you.

Any CANDLES leftover from your Christmas/NYear celebrations? If you donate them to church, we can make use of them at a candlelit service. Please bring them and leave it, either in the Vestry or P. Office.

Welcome

Sunday 14th January 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:

Children's **Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

Church Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Congregational Setting: Archer

Hymns: 1 (Part 1 & Doxology) 391 278 538

Music

Wood in the Phrygian Mode

Cornelius The Three Kings

3pm WILD CHURCH

This week we pray for all who live and work in Dognell Green and Brockett Close.

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14th January 2024
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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.

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

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.'

Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.'

So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a

trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Revelation 5: 1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. Then he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

John 1: 43-51

The next day 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 come 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.'

Next Readings: Genesis 14: 17-20; Revelation 19: 6-10; John 2: 1-11