

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

## News

### APPEAL (re May & Jun concerts):

Thank you to numerous people who have very kindly signed up to serve refreshments for the imminent concerts.

We will need another 4 helpers for the last 2 dates.

Supplies are provided by Parish Office—all you need to do is turn-up on the date!

***Your giving of these few hours is really appreciated! 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 or New Year 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 Server Vestry or Parish Office.

**Reminder: Next week @6pm is our first monthly Choral Evensong service for the year. Do come if you can.**

**On-going: Names read out during Sunday's (Intercessions) Prayers for the Sick** - are updated as and when we receive news updates for e.g. they no longer wish to be prayed for aloud or if their condition improves.

Please do not worry unduly - they have not been forgotten nor have they died suddenly (not always) but some names do get transferred to the weekly prayers list and these are read by the ministry team during the week's prayers.



Welcome

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

## THIRD 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: 622 719 90 (1st tune, omit verse 4) 580**

Music

Archer

Wesley Lead me Lord

The music this morning is a congregational setting by Malcolm Archer. You are invited to join the choir in singing the Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus. Music is available, as normal, in the display in the porch. The Kyrie and Agnus Dei will not be sung this morning.

This week we pray for all who live and work in Fearnley Road and Colgrove.

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**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Third 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.

### **Genesis 14: 17-20**

After Abram's 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.

### **Revelation 19: 6-10**

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.'

### **John 2: 1-11**

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.

**Next Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40**