

- o This week Anne will be available on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday; Andrew's Sabbath-time is Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon.
- o The office will be open Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and all day Friday this week.
- o All members of St Nicolas' are encouraged to share in some part of the Daily Prayer – just go to our website and click on:



All weekday services include five minutes of silence – and, except for Friday at 11am are held in the Loseley Chapel.

MONDAY 22nd Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304
10 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 108 page 726
5 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 23rd
8:15 am Morning Prayer
9:45 am Tuesday Group
12:30 pm Christian Meditation Group
6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist psalm 145 page 767

WEDNESDAY 24th Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622
7:45 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 46 page 646
10 – 11:30 am Café Play @ St Nic's for parents and children
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 25th Conversion of Paul
8:15 am Morning Prayer
1 pm Midday Prayer & Eucharist psalm 147:13-end
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 26th Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul
10:30am – 1:30pm Monthly Lunch in the Community Centre
11am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 65 page 664
5 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY: PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
8:15 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist
10 am CANDLEMAS EUCHARIST, Baptism & Children's Church
5 pm Julian Meeting
6 pm Evensong & Benediction

Notices

Please do help us keep this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

It ends on Thursday. There is an ecumenical evening service this evening 6pm at St Mary's, then you are asked to spend a little time each day on the reflections here.

Our **Monthly Lunch is on Friday**. Do join us for a warming, home cooked meal in good company, raising money for USPG.

If you are interested in joining **the 2018 pilgrimage to Walsingham** – jointly with the cathedral this year 15th – 17th June – please do have a word with Andrew Rustell.

There will be a **collection after the services next week for Parishes for Peace**, our Good Cause for January. This is run by Della who is organising the pilgrimage to the Holy Land next month. See more about their work in the narthex and on their website.

Next Sunday we shall be celebrating Candlemas which is when we remember the story of the child Jesus being presented in the Temple by Mary & Joseph.

Epiphany then comes to an end and we look towards the beginning of Lent on February 14th which is Ash Wednesday.

The 2018 Lent, Holy Week and Easter programme will be available for you next Sunday, e.g. with details of the weekly Lent Lunches on Fridays starting on 16th February etc.



In partnership with Guildford United Reformed Church & a member of the cluster group with St Saviour's and Holy Trinity & St Mary's, Guildford; sharing the church with Upper Room Ministries.

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WEEKLY LEAFLET for 21st January 2018 Third Sunday of Epiphany Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th



8:15 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

We begin on page 59; Office hymn 46; Psalm 113 p731
First reading Genesis 14:17-20; Gospel reading John 2:1-11
as below but NRSV

The Lord be with you **and with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

At the Peace turn to page 215 for the Eucharist.

Ask one of the sides-people before the Offertory if you need to receive gluten free holy communion.

Anne will be presiding at the Family Service today, and on Monday and Friday and at 8:15am next Sunday; Andrew at 8:15am today, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 10am next Sunday.

10am FAMILY SERVICE



This is a less formal Eucharist for people of all sorts and all ages to help us grow as one people at worship.



As you arrive you will be given a card for your prayers: red what we should be thankful for, white for what people need today, and blue what we hope for in the world.

Hymns come from 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone' and 'Songs to Shake Us Up', with the Mass setting by Lank.

The Gathering

♪ **ENTRY HYMN 326** Jesus is Lord!

Greeting

+ We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That the Holy Spirit may forgive and heal our disunity

Unite your servants in the bond of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Teach us to pray.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Liberate us from the slavery of sin.
Come, Holy Spirit!

Help us in our weakness.
Come, Holy Spirit!

May God our Father forgive your lack of love,
and help us to be at one,
together with Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the Holy Family,
and at one with all people of goodwill.
Amen.

♪ **Song of Joy**

tune 'At the name of Jesus'

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing Alleluia to our heavenly king.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Listening to the Word

We prepare to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ **GOSPEL HYMN 80** Bind us together, Lord

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Please turn to the reader in the middle of the church – reminding us that the word of God is in our midst.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

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

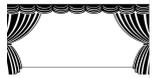
♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine left." "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." The Jews have rules about ritual washing and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold about a hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have had plenty to drink, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!" Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Good News Bible

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ♪ **Praise to you, O Christ**

Presentation



Liam: Just a few ordinary bottles of water ...

Andrew: The ordinary stuff in life does matter ...

We believe

**We believe
in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Holding the world in prayer

'Let my prayer be as incense before you' *psalm 141*

Anne: Let us open our hearts and bring to the Lord all for which we are so thankful (red cards); remembering all that people need today (white); and so for what we hope for in this world (blue).

Assisted by Liam please bring up your coloured prayer cards.

*Anne: God of mercy,
you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us all, with Mary & Joseph,
with Nicolas, and all the saints,
in the one communion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sharing 'The Peace'

We are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We are bound by the love of Christ.

cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Ephesians 4.3

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the handshake of peace with your neighbours.

♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN** We come with thanks

During this a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

We come with thanks for all the ways you find us,
for ev'rything that helps your presence prove:
for written word that tells us of your rescue –
how God has come to earth from heav'n above;
for nature's voice in grandeur and in beauty,
for ev'ry hint you give us of your love.

We come with thanks for those who showed us Jesus,
for all who tried to lead us to their Lord:
for those whose care has moulded, nurtured, shaped us,
made life without you patently absurd;
for teachers, friends and all our private heroes
who helped us turn and listen to your Word.

We come with thanks for all who keep us faithful,
who day by day renew our walk with you:
for those who see our inward spirit flagging
and in life's struggle help us still pull through;
for those around who give that we, receiving,
may give in turn, and to our God be true.

So let us live with thankfulness and caring,
show all around a life touched by your care;
that even we might help someone find Jesus,
pass on the love, by action and in pray'r;
that they may walk, with us, through earth to heaven,
share in the joy of living with you there.

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Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Tune 'Celebration Hymnal' 258

**Holy, holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love;
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

A time of silence is kept.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread
Celebration Hymnal 457

♪ *Please join in with the response after the choir:*
Hear our prayer, Lamb of God, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Though many, we form one body in Christ.
We belong to one another.

By God's grace we have different gifts.
We will use them in faith.

Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in
prayer.
Filled with his Spirit we will serve the Lord.

*The bell rings as a sign to come for communion or a blessing.
All who usually receive Holy Communion are welcome to do
so, others to come for a blessing.*

A time of quiet follows

CHOIR ANTHEM

We receive any final announcements.



*After the Family Service please do join us for refreshments in
the Community Centre (turn left as you leave the church).*

♪ **FINAL HYMN 812** Will you come and follow me

God's blessing as we go

Redeemed by God and united in the One Body of Christ, let
us go out into the world in the power of the Spirit.

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,
because the Lord has anointed us
to bring good news to the poor,
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.
Amen! Alleluia!**

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5 pm Julian Meeting – weekly ½ hour silence –
in church this evening

6 pm Evening Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

at St Mary's, Quarry Street
no evening service at St Nicolas' today

Keeping this week of prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 21st Overcoming violence

Reflection: Christian discipleship lived out in the world cannot avoid the reality of violence. Most religions declare themselves to be peaceful and against violence. However, churches, called into unity and called to be part of God's mission in the world, are also called to discern the Gospel of hope. This is a Gospel that can be proclaimed to those who live with the consequences of gang warfare, domestic violence or the fear of violence.

Questions:

- Have you felt threatened in a place where you previously felt safe?
- In what ways are you concerned about increasing violence in your area and in society?
- What is the message of hope that Christians can bring in a world troubled by violence?

Monday 22nd Pursuing economic justice

Reflection: The inheritance of slavery and colonialism has meant that the economies of the Caribbean have never been self-sustaining. As a result, they have become dependent upon borrowing on the international markets in order to sustain economic development, which impacts upon the poorest, with regard to things such as transport, health and education. The Church is called to hear the voice of the poor that is often silenced but the disunity of the Church hinders this prophetic voice. Therefore, Christian unity is critical for the Church in its vocation to be on the side of the poor.

Questions:

- How do you work with other Christians to engage with social issues?
- How do churches working together in service to the community contribute to Christian unity?
- How has the unity of Christians enabled the prophetic voice? What can be learned from this?

Tuesday 23rd God acts for the powerless

Reflection: People from the Caribbean working overseas who send money home find this more difficult because of changes due to international banking regulations. This has had a negative impact on the Caribbean region with increased economic hardship for many families. In response to this the churches of the region have introduced Credit Unions. This preferential option for the poor is also God's option: the right hand of God always acts for the powerless against the powerful. Christians are therefore called to live across the divisions of the global North and South and affirm our common humanity together.

Questions:

- What are the realities of economic hardship in your community?
- How do overseas partnerships enable solidarity between the global North and South?
- In our partnerships with churches in the global South, how do we ensure genuine partnership and equal exchange?

Wednesday 24th Different families

Reflection: The protection and nurture of children are important functions for any family. The experience of the holy family fleeing an atrocity, for example, offers one model of family life that demonstrates God's fidelity to us. Life today also poses significant challenges for carers in the protection and nurture of children. The churches of the Caribbean aim to respond to this, wrestling with factors that include migration, financial problems and domestic violence. As Christians, we are called to be communities where all families are supported and strengthened so that all are safe and may flourish.

Questions:

- How is our understanding about what is 'family' changing?
- In what ways do you experience 'family' in your church?
- What role does the church have in supporting families during turbulent times?

Thursday 25th The call to reconciliation

Reflection: The formation of a united covenanted people is part of God's intention towards a reconciled world. The historic legacies of colonialism have led to apologies which have transformed relationships for example between British and Jamaican Baptists. This serves as an illustration of how the Church in its unity is called, like Biblical Israel, to be both a sign and an active agent of reconciliation. The work of reconciliation therefore extends beyond the walls of the church and means that Christians are called to work for reconciliation in the world.

Questions

- What does the word 'reconciliation' evoke for you?
- How might the church make a difference, bringing reconciliation, in situations of conflict and division (both inter-personal and in society)?
- Does reconciliation between churches help to foster a wider reconciliation in the world?

A blessing for this Week of Prayer

God of unity,
Trinity of the Three,
you call your people to be one
that the world may believe.
Grant us your Spirit
that we might act and speak with one voice
so that our world's pains and divisions
may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation,
our Lord's prayer be answered,
and your name glorified and hallowed.
Amen.

Go and Do

See www.ctbi.org.uk/goanddo

The Caribbean churches work together to heal the wounds in the Body of Christ in the region, which are a legacy left by colonization. Visit Go and Do for stories of inspiration and challenge from the Caribbean.