

Welcome to St Mary's Church

Sunday 19th January 2020

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
- 10.15 am** **PARISH COMMUNION**
Hymns: 401, 622, 308, 90 (communion hymn)
- 4.30pm** **SERVICE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**
At Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

Prayer for growth and renewal

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for, all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, including Doris Primarolo RIP, and all who mourn

Church Diary

Monday January 20th

9.15am Morning Prayer

8.00pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday January 22nd

10.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Thursday January 23rd

8.00pm Compline followed by refreshments

Friday January 24th

9.15am Babes `n` Tots – Community Hall

2.00pm Film Friday – Community Hall

2.30pm Funeral of Doris Primarolo RIP– in Church

Sunday January 26th
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Communion

6.00pm Service of Wholeness and Healing

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Isaiah 9: 1-4 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

Weekly News Letter

YOUR SUNDAY CLUB NEEDS YOU! Sunday Club is in desperate need of extra helpers. At the moment there are only two leaders. Please think and pray if you could help out with this ministry. For further information please speak to Christine 07970 691211.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2nd February - to celebrate Candlemas on 2nd February, we will be making Christingles during the 10.15am service. Please bring your own orange/clementine - everything else needed will be provided.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of you who donated so faithfully and generously to the Joel Project this Christmas. Thank you for taking note of their wish list: like it said on the back of Notes & News over Christmas, 'Donate food' !! You certainly did that! My boxes were overflowing and when I arrived at Joel, they had to bring a trolley out to bring it all inside!

For those of you who are interested, Joel is closing until Easter. I asked why, and here is their reply:

"The challenges we face are primarily - but not wholly - related to our financial position; there are also some non-financial issues we wish to resolve before we accept guests again. Specifically, we want to sharpen our vision as a Christian shelter offering hospitality and community to homeless men and women in Kingston, and fully align our internal structure and our policies and procedures to deliver that vision. We are grateful for your continued trust in Joel and for your prayers at this difficult time. If you were so minded, it would be a great encouragement to us if you were to pledge funds to Joel, payable when we reopen the shelter at Easter. Your pledge of financial support will enable us to plan ahead with greater certainty."

ANGEL VOICES FOR EVER SINGING.... the Junior / Adult choir sang at Surbiton Station and the Pub just before Christmas. Despite the railway Strike and odd timings of the trains the buckets yielded over a £1400 + not forgetting the new technology of the scanner. This is a magnificent sum and we are very grateful to the collectors and the Choir for their continued support of Shooting Star Children's Hospice. Many thanks to you all and A Happy New Year.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.15 SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Unfortunately Jo Williams had to step down, so I am looking for someone to help Sarah Flaskett with Sunday morning tea/coffee for the third Sunday on odd months of the year. That would be in January, March, May, July, September and November. If you can spare 15 minutes before and an hour after the 10.15 service six times a year, to assist with this valuable service, please contact me on 020 8398 5322, 07810810822 or email: janetpb15@gmail.com
Thank you. Janet

Weekly News Letter

THE FIRST DRAW OF THE 100 CLUB took place on 5th January.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Prize: No. 1 2nd Prize: No. 82 3rd Prize: No. 47

The next draw will take place after the 10.15 service on Sunday 2 February.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH GENTLEMEN AND LADIES- do join us on Friday 7th February 2020 at 1pm in the Community Hall

Please come along for a delicious lunch and companionship (food & friendship!) and why not bring a friend or two as everyone is most welcome?

If you would like to join us, need a lift or have special dietary needs just let us know **Before Wednesday 5th February** and please sign the list at the back of church or phone Diana 0208 398 1184 or Florence 0208 398 3182.

BRIDGET HANCOCK BEM Many congratulations to Brid who was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year Honour's List for Services to Disabled and Disadvantaged Children's Charities in Surrey.

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**A United Service to celebrate
the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity
at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton KT7 0LP
Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 4.30pm
followed by refreshments in the church hall
ALL ARE WELCOME!**