

Welcome to St Mary's Church

Sunday 26th January 2020

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
10.15 am **PARISH COMMUNION**
 Hymns: 590, 489, 386, 357 (communion hymn)
6.00pm **EVENING PRAYER**

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.

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 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Church Diary

Monday January 27th

9.15am Morning Prayer

Wednesday January 29th

10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee club

Thursday January 30th

9.15am Morning Prayer

Friday January 31st

9.15am Babes 'n' Tots – Community Hall

Sunday February 2nd

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Communion

6.00pm Choral Eucharist

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

Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40

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.

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

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.