

Notices

Monday 29 January 11:45 Dorothy Parkinson funeral at the Crem, reception at Swan Revived, Newport Pagnell. All invited.

Thursday 1 February BIBLE STUDY
2.00 for 2.30 to 4.00 pm Home Bible Study, at Mike and Pru McConnell's 15 Kemble Ct, Downhead Pk. Acts of the Apostles - Next Meetings 1st, 15th, 22nd Feb, 8th, 15th March

Friday 2 February FAMILY TOTS
1.15 – 2.45 pm .An open group for parents and carers with pre-school children.

Please Pray

For our members & friends: Rick Conway, Eileen Freestone, Dan Cavanagh, Pru and Mike McConnell

For the sick: Amy in Milton Court, Betty Lloyd at home. Paul (Sue Baines' cousin) receiving ongoing treatment, Shirley, Yvonne.

RIP: Dorothy Parkinson

Please Pray for:

- The Home Bible Study group continues their study of the Acts of the Apostles on 1st February; that they will find encouragement and wisdom in God's word.

The Cross and Stable

28th January - Epiphany 4



The Man with an Unclean Spirit in the Synagogue at Capernaum

Thank you scandalous God,
for giving yourself to the world
not in the powerful and extraordinary
but in weakness and the familiar:
in a baby; in bread and wine.

Thank you
for offering at journey's end, a new beginning;
for setting in the poverty of a stable
the richest jewel of your love;
for revealing in a particular place,
your light for all nations.

Thank you
for bringing us to Bethlehem, House of Bread,
where the empty are filled
and the filled are emptied;
where the poor find riches
and the rich recognise their poverty;
where all who kneel and hold out their hands are
unstintingly fed.

Kate Compston

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Next Sunday - Epiphany Five - 4th February

11 am Signed Communion Service - Peter Green

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - Psalm 111 - 1 Corinth 8:1-13 or Rev 12:1-5a - Mark 1:21-28

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Hymns

- 476 Morning has broken
397 King of glory, King of peace
50 Be still
251 How sweet the name
51 Be thou my vision

Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God,
if you treated us as we deserve,
none could stand before you,
but you are a God of infinite mercy,
full of love and goodness.**

**You came to our world in Christ,
and you died for us while we were yet
sinners.**

**You reached out through him
to those who knew themselves to be
unworthy,
deserving of punishment,
yet, through your grace,
you brought acceptance, wholeness, renewal.**

**So now open our lives to your generous
pardon,
your unfailing love
and your undeserved blessing.**

**Receive our praise
for all you so freely and wonderfully give in
Christ,
for his name's sake.**

Amen

Collect Epiphany Four

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A New Prophet Like Moses

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Psalm 111

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

¹ Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful
deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his
works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and
uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good
understanding.
His praise endures for ever.**

Please Pray for:

- The homeless sleeping rough on our streets.
- For workers and small businesses affect by the collapse of Carillion.
- For decency in our common life.

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Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Hear the Gospel according to Mark

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Websites

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