

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

(Within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Sunday 21st January, 2024

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to our celebration on this Third Sunday of Epiphany

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

The Setting: The Pulborough Mass

The Reading: Bren Marks

The Intercessions: Austen Hindman

Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.

Please wait to be directed to communion.

If you feel able to make a donation during the **offertory hymn** and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the details on the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your service leaflet. We also have **contactless facilities** available by the organ at the back of the church. Thank you.

In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you.

Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us.

Opening Organ Music: "Flute Piece"

William Hine.

Please stand when the bell rings

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 485 Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

- 1 Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness; one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life.
 Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- And we, shall we be faithless?
 Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
 shall we evade the conflict,
 and cast away our crown?
 Not so: in God's deep counsels
 some better thing is stored;
 we will maintain, unflinching,
 one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won; And then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

and also with you.

Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people to make an act of penitence

Prayers of Penitence

We have come together as God's family to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church and for the renewal of our common life. The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion. In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed. We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love. We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices. Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect for the Day

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. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 349 Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
 With angels round the throne;
 Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
 But all their joys are one.
- 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,'To be exalted thus!''Worthy the Lamb!' our lips reply,'For he was slain for us.'
- Jesus is worthy to receive
 Honour and power divine;
 And blessings, more than we can give,
 Be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
 To bless the sacred name
 Of him that sits upon the throne,
 And to adore the Lamb.

The Gospel Reading: John 2. 1-11

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.

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.

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



Please sit

The Homily

Please stan

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please kneel or sit

The Intercessions

This response may be used: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Intercessions may conclude with the following: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

The Peace



The Offertory Hymn: NEH 56 Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885),

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star,
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addrest
God in Man made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
 Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
 and at Cana wedding-guest
 in thy Godhead manifest;
 manifest in power divine,
 changing water into wine:
 anthems be to thee addrest,
 God in Man made manifest.
- Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addrest, God in Man made manifest.
- Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy holy word; may we imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou; that we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany; and may praise thee, ever blest, God in Man made manifest.

Pray dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church

The Prayer over the Gifts is said

Lord,

hear the prayers of your people as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation. May this sacrament of your love unite us more closely to you and to each other. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Fr. Paul continues with the prayer

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

Great is the mystery of faith, Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to which all say: Amen

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

> Communion Hymn: NEH 51 Basil Woodd (1760-1831)

- Hail, thou Source of every blessing,
 Sovereign Father of mankind!
 Gentiles now, Thy grace possessing,
 In thy courts admission find.
- Once far off, but now invited,
 We approach Thy sacred throne;
 In Thy covenant united,
 Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
- Now revealed to eastern sages, See the Star of mercy shine, Mystery hid in former ages, Mystery great of love divine.
- 4 Hail, Thou universal Saviour!
 Gentiles now their offerings bring,
 In Thy temples seek Thy favour,
 Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.

Hymn after Communion NEH 302 William Henry Turton (1856-1938)

- O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray that all thy church might be for ever one, grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done:' O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace: thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
 O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
 back to the faith which saints believed of old,
 back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
 soon may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.
- So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy Church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love: more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

The Prayer after Communion

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. Amen

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Notices are given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Recessional Hymn: NEH 486 Edward J Burns (born 1938)

1 We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for men in all the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

- Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the Cross; for all he loved, his life he gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.
- Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
 by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his Church
 to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Concluding Organ music: "Allegro in C"
Thomas Arne

Mavis Cooper R.I.P. Burial of Ashes

Please follow us out to the churchyard for Mavis's final journey

This afternoon at 4pm 'Churches Together' Unity Service in St. Mary's

The churches in the village will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a special service entitled "Journeying Together". Do join us. We are serving some refreshments after the service so if you are able to bring a plate of **small sandwiches or cakes** that would be wonderful.



For your prayers this week

We pray for the visible unity of the church of Christ across the world.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer this Sunday we pray for: The Church of South India (United)

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

The work of the Cathedral: Simon Holland, The Interim Dean; Daniel Inman, The Precentor; Jack Dunn, The Chancellor; Vanessa Baron, Treasurer; the Vergers and staff.

We pray for **our nation and government**, for King Charles, Rishi Sunak Prime Minister and all members of parliament.

We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Holy Land and Ukraine** We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.

The Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian

Отче наш, що єси на небесах, Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє. Хай прийде Царство Твоє, нехай буде воля Твоя Як на небі, так і на землі Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні. І прости нам провини наші, як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим. І не введи нас у спокусу, але визволи нас від лукавого. Бо Твоє є Царство, і сила, і слава навіки. Амінь

A Prayer for the Holy Land

Loving God,
Praying for the Holy Land and its people,
praying for your deep peace,
praying that swords are turned to ploughshares,
we ask that your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven.
May those in power seek your heart.
May those suffering know your presence.
May those mourning be comforted.
May we, who watch at a distance,
be open to seeing with your eyes of compassion and
understanding
and know how to pray and respond justly, mercifully and
humbly.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there, also we continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.

We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor

Those who are in need of continued prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen and Peter Leeke, Ben, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, Liz Cargill, Trevor Higton, James McDonagh, Bill Bewley, Tony Spain and Fr Keith Hyde-Dunn

Pray to rest in peace: The Reverend Canon Peter Cole, Bill Caldwell, Roger Ghinn, John Bufton and Gill Williamson

Anniversary of death: Winifred Hamilton and Jill Woods

Together with the other churches in the Village we **pray for all** who live and work in Broomers Hill Lane, Mare Hill Road, West Mare Lane, Kings Lane and Batts Lane

SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE 2024

Do please consider sponsoring one of the services leaflets. Do you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one.

The dates we have are:

Next Sunday 28th January Sunday 4th, 18th or 25th February Sunday 3rd, 17th or 24th (Palm Sunday) March

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible. Your donations help us to offset the cost of printing and paper which is such a great help. Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 22nd January: Feria

10am – 12noon The HUB meet at Pulborough Library

3.15-4.15pm Kingfishers meet in School

7.30pm Tower Bell ringing

Tuesday 23rd January: Feria

9.30am Morning Prayer

2-3.30pm Sing for Pleasure in Pulborough Village Hall

7pm PCC meeting in Church

Wednesday 24th January: St. Frances de Sales,

Bishop of Geneva 1622

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

6pm Friends of Pulborough Parish Church event.

A talk by Jo Wotton on the Camino to Santiago di Compostella

Thursday 25th January: January: The Conversion of St. Paul

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am - 11.30am Ladybirds meet in Church

7pm Choir Practice

7pm Church Building Task Group at The Dell, Rectory Lane

Friday 26th January: St Timothy and St. Titus,

companions of St. Paul

12noon The Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Handbell ringing practice

6.30pm St Mary's Bin Operative AGM at 29 Lower Street

Saturday 27th January: St. Thomas Aquinas,

Teacher of the Faith 1274

9am to 12noon Village Market in Pulborough Village Hall

SUNDAY 28th PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas transferred from 2nd February)

8am The Holy Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Jack Mulder

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST with Candle Ceremony

Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop John Ford

Hebrews 2. 14-end and Luke 2. 22-40

3.30-4.45pm.... Let's Celebrate!

An informal, friendly non-Eucharistic service.

THIS TUESDAY – Sing for Pleasure in the Rother Hall at Pulborough Village Hall

Why not coming and lift your spirits with some light-hearted singing and blow away the 'winter blues'

Do join us from 2-3.30pm singing a variety of songs from the decades. £3 per session with a break for refreshments. Led by Michael Pioli. No booking needed, just come along.

FRIENDS OF PULBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

"Jo's solo 500 mile Autumn Pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela" **6pm this Wednesday 24**th **January at St. Mary's Church**. Tickets £10 each to include glass of wine and nibbles, available from **Chris Williams 01798 817282**

Following the 'Friends' talk on Wednesday 24th we will be again be serving some refreshments. If you are able to bring a plate of **savoury or sweet nibbles** it would be so helpful. Many thanks.

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET – First market for the New Year this Saturday in Pulborough Village Hall **from 9am to 12noon.** A good social morning with local foods and crafts. The market café serves delicious cooked breakfasts to start your morning off well. Look forward to seeing you there!

PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY - TOMBOLA PRIZES WANTED

Do you have any unwanted gifts that would be suitable for tombola prizes? We are having a charity pancake day on **Shrove Tuesday** 13th **February** in Pulborough Village Hall

This year the chosen charities are:

Macmillan Palliative Care unit in Midhurst, Pulborough Lunch Club for senior citizens and Family Support Work.

If you have any suitable items please give to **Ann Kaiser 872819. Many thanks.**

JUST A FEW TICKETS REMAINING.....

FSW Event Rupert Toovey's event is on **16th February 10.00am at Tooveys Auction House.** A tour of the auction house, tea/coffee and cakes and Rupert will talk about items brought in by guests.£10. Tickets limited to 40. Please speak to **Alyson today or ring her on (01798 873795)** if you would like to buy one.

ST. MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB

The December draw for the St Mary's Bells 100 Club was made on Monday 8th January at Ramblers, Church Place, Pulborough and the results were as follows:

1st Prize: £100 - number 81 - Miss E Cornford 2nd Prize: £50 - number 94 - Mrs C Houston

3rd Prize: £10 - number 18 - Mr P Kaiser

4th Prize: £10 - number 8 - Mr and Mrs L Adsett

5th Prize: £10 - number 65 - Mr P Gregory 6th Prize: £10 - number 93 - Rev P Seaman 7th Prize: £10 – number 40 - Mrs J Broadribb

Xmas Bonus Prize £48 - Number 82 - Mr P Gregory

The January draw will take place on Monday 5th February at 9.30 p.m. at the Chequers Hotel, Pulborough.

NEXT SUNDAY-28th JANUARY

'Let's Celebrate'. A short, non Eucharist service especially for families and their children.

If you haven't been to this afternoon service before do come along. We start at 3.30pm for tea and cake with the service starting at 4pm. Vicky Smith one of our ALM's leading the afternoon. All ages welcome. Look forward to seeing you.



Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Amen.