

## **BCP Collect for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The following people have asked for your prayers:**

### **Read at Sunday Services:**

Richard Hands, Gillian Rose, Abigail Gent, Jill Crawford, Helen Bennion, Kyle Johnson, Wendy Stockton, Betty Morris.

### **Read at Weekday Services:**

Betty Pickering, Phil & Betty Taylor, Brian Tilley, Margaret Llewellyn, Dot Roxby, Rita Barlow, Victoria Howard.

### **Prayers for the families of the departed:**

Howard Cox, Joyce Daly, Caroline Williams, Revd Alan Mumford, David Hudson, Leslie Hobson, Muriel Barker-Wyatt, Wendy Bostock.

### **Baptism:**

Freya Booth, Ryah Dearden, Hudson Strauch.

### **Prayers for the parish:**

Mayflower Road, Windsor Avenue, Marlowe Drive, Ash Grove.

### **Prayers for groups and activities:**

Prayer Groups, Treasurer/Stewardship Recorder/Gift Aid Secretary, Church Visits Team.

**Mission Support: Church Mission Society:** we pray for our mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart with their daughters Anayah and Liliana as they continue to work in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**18th-25th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** We pray for the churches of our town: St Anne's, Elim, Nantwich Methodist, Market St, St Mary's Acton, and St Mary's Nantwich; and for the work of Churches Together in Nantwich.

Grant, O Lord God, that thy Church, as it hath one Foundation and one Head, may verily and indeed be one Body, holding one faith, proclaiming one truth, and following one Lord in holiness of living and truth, even thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Encounter Explore** takes place on **Sunday 21st January** at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall (upstairs). There will be unique and inspiring prayer stations to visit on the theme of Joy. Everyone is welcome so do come along. If you are new to Encounter you will be made very welcome. Refreshments will be served from 6.45pm. There is a lift to access the upstairs hall.

**Holly Holy Day** is Saturday 27th January. There will be a talk in church at 11.30am - 'The Other Battle of Nantwich'. The bells will be rung from 12.15pm to 1pm, then the Rector will lead prayers at the wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph at 1.15pm, following which there will be an artillery display and battle reenactment on Mill Island.

**MOVING ON;** New to St Mary's? New to the Christian faith? New to Church? MOVING ON is a short course encouraging us to grow in faith. It looks at Church, Worship and Communion, the Holy Spirit, Prayer & Bible Reading, Giving and Christian Living. Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm at the home of Caryl & Phil Boxhall. Interested? Contact Canon David on 01270 618936 or email [canondavid12@uwclub.net](mailto:canondavid12@uwclub.net)

**Nantwich Choral Society Come and Sing** Handel's Messiah, **Saturday 10th February.** Rehearsals 10.30-12.30pm; 2.15-4pm. Singer fee £20. Performance 6pm. Tickets £10, Students £5, available from The Civic Hall. Registration forms from [www.nantwichchoral.org.uk](http://www.nantwichchoral.org.uk)

**February Breakfast:** The next St Mary's Breakfast will be on **Saturday 17th February** at 8.30am at Nantwich Football Stadium. Sign-up sheet at the back of Church, or phone the office, by midday, Wednesday 14th February. Cancellation after booking should be in emergency only because we have to pay for no-shows, meaning we have to ask you for the money. The speaker will be Graham Christopher, talking about 25+ years of fostering - which he says has enriched all his family's lives.

## **Come and See: The Good News in Art.**

This **2024 Lent Course** will run on both Tuesdays at 2pm (commencing 20th February) and Thursdays at 7.30pm (commencing 22nd February), for five consecutive weeks, in church. Further details to follow. Note that 14th February is Ash Wednesday.

Join us for **LOVE NANTWICH**, 6.00pm on **Saturday 24th February** at St Mary's Church for an evening of worship and prayer for our town organised by Elim Church. Join us in praying blessing upon our community.

**MU Appeal:** Mothers' Union will again be collecting donations of toiletries and NEW underwear for women and children during January 2024. The donations will be sent to the Cheshire without Abuse centre to support families in our local refuge. Donations can be left at the Parish Office up to the end of January.

**Congratulations** to the bellringers on a successful peal (2h 57m) of Yorkshire Surprise Major on Sunday 14th January in memoriam Lt Arthur Lesley Brown.

**Stewards:** Would any of you be available to keep the church open on Sunday 28th January 12-3pm? A wedding fayre will be held in the Civic Hall at this time and St Mary's will have a stall. It would be good to be able to invite couples to visit the church. If you can help please contact the Rector or Penny Smith.

**Cleaning:** Thank you to all who regularly clean in church. There are some parts of the church that don't have a regular cleaner. May you be interested in helping? If so, please contact the Churchwardens or Rector.

**St Mary's Bookstore:** The bookstore is now re-open. Donations of novels would be gratefully received. Please either leave in church or with the Parish Office.

When did you last look at the **safeguarding** information on the notice board at the back of church or on the website? We all have a part to play in making St Mary's a safe place. Please keep informed.

## What's on This Week (22nd - 28th January)

### Monday

10.00am Funeral of David Hudson in Church  
12.00pm Funeral of Joyce Daly in Church

### Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Parish Hall  
3.45pm SING!@St.Mary's in the Parish Hall  
7.15pm Moving On at the home of Caryl & Phil Boxhall  
7.30pm Nantwich Singers rehearsal in Church

### Wednesday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Flower Arranging in Church  
10.00am Little Fish in Church  
7.00pm Bell ringing practice in the Tower

### Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.15am Churchwardens' Meeting in the Rectory  
10am-1pm Friday Place of Welcome in the Parish Hall  
11.45am Funeral of Revd Alan Mumford at St James, Audlem  
7.00pm Choir practice in Church  
7.45pm Friday Nite Live in the Parish Hall

### Saturday

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Rector's Surgery  
11.30am Holly Holy Day talk in Church  
12.15pm Bell ringing in the Tower

### Sunday 28th January - The Fourth of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am All Age Worship  
10.45am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village  
6.00pm Evensong

Readings for Sunday 28th January - Epiphany 4

Revelation 12.1-5a (p.1241)

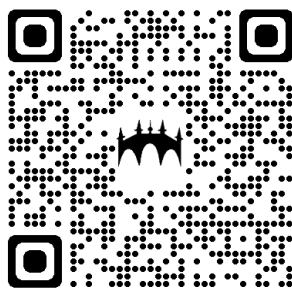
Mark 1.21-28 (p.1002)

6.00pm

1 Samuel 3.1-20 (p.274)

1 Corinthians 14.12-20 (p.1154)

**Giving to St. Mary's** - There is a plate near the west door at each service, and there are fixed collection boxes near both doors. The simplest method for regular giving, for both donor and recipient, is by standing order. "Thanksgiving 2023" forms in the south porch give guidance on this.



We also have a contactless device near the west door, and an online donation page on the St. Mary's website accessed via this QR code. Thank you to all who support St. Mary's financially.

**WiFi in Church** - Feel free to use the network StMarys\_Guest, password Church2020.

*Toilet and baby changing facilities are available at the back of the church.*

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## Sunday 21st January 2024 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Readings:** Revelation 19.6-10 (p.1247)  
John 2.1-11 (p.1064)

*Hot Drinks are available after the 9.30am and 10.45am services in the Parish Hall*

**9.30am All Age Worship** (live-streamed)

**10.45am Holy Communion** (live-streamed)

**Voluntaries:** Chorale Prelude 'Mein Freund zerschmilzt aus Lieb in seinem Blute' - Carl Piutti (1846-1902); Allabreve in D (BWV589) - JS Bach (1685-1750)

**Readings:** Revelation 19.6-10 (p.1247)  
John 2.1-11 (p.1064)

**Hymns:** 99, 104 (omit v4), 448, 812

**2.30pm Baptisms**

**3.00pm Afternoon Prayer** at Richmond Village

**3.30pm Baptism**

**6.00pm Evensong**

**Voluntaries:** Chorale Prelude 'Mein Jesu, der du mich' - Carl Piutti; Carillon de Longpont - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Readings:** Jeremiah 3.21-4.2 (p.759)  
Titus 2.1-8,11-14 (p.1198)

**Hymns:** 569, 775, 506 (omit v3), 507

**Psalm:** 33 vv1-12

**7.15pm Encounter** in the Parish Hall

**CW Collect for The Third Sunday of Epiphany:**

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.**