

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

Notes and News

21st January 2018

Epiphany 3

Liturgy: Epiphany Booklet

Setting: Addington

A warm welcome to all



Today's Hymns

47 *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

53 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

257 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

101 *O worship the King, all glorious above*

Notices

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18-25th January.

There will be a special Service of Prayer at St Helen's Church, Sefton at 3 pm on Sunday 21st January, followed by refreshments. Please come along, if you can, to pray for greater unity.

The Churches Together in Waterloo Annual General Meeting is 7.30 pm Tuesday 23rd January at the Seafarers' Centre.

Concert at St Faith's: there will be a performance by Crosby Gilbert and Sullivan Society at St Faith's on Saturday 27th January at 7.30pm.

Patronal Celebration: St Paul's Croxteth - Patronal Festival Mass Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm - all are welcome to attend

This Week's Services

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Morning Prayer at 9am.

Thursday 25th January: Eucharist, 12 noon.

Sunday 28th January: Epiphany 4, Parish Eucharist at 11am celebrated by Rev. Denise. Preacher is Fr. John and readings are: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; Revelation 12: 1-5a; Mark 1: 21-28.

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese of Liverpool.

Parish: Somerville Road, Birchdale Road, Ashdale Road, Oakdale Road, Thorndale Road, Rockland Road.

The World: for victims and families following the bombing in Baghdad.

For: Nazanin Zhagari-Ratcliffe in captivity in Iran.

With Christian Aid: for vulnerable Rohingya people who desperately need food, water and shelter.

Those who are sick: Charleen Arbon, Ruth Capper, Jackie Dale, Avis Port, Gill Prescott, Olive Russell, Stephen Seneviratne, Brian Sharpe, Victoria Taylor, Julie Whittaker, Joe Williams, Peggy Mattison, Sinead Figgis, David Smith, Joan McKortel, Mike Waring, Br Raymond Christian, Fr Bob Bell, John Pierce, Dominic Sime, Anne More, Tessa Power, Eileen Smith, Nicky Smith, Allison, John Croke, Margaret Bell, Fr. Ken Miller, Tony McWean, John Gresham.

Those who have died recently

Year's Mind: Mary Cecilia Dixon, William Henry Simons, Marth Jane Pilkington, Emily Caroline Goodwin, Evelyn Hughes, Audrey Pearson, Frederick Beattie, Joan Holmes, Lilian Grieves, Sian Hawkins, Ada Margaret Pilkington, John Bell, Elizabeth Jane Williamson, Margaret Poole, George Nicholson, Elizabeth Williamson, Kenneth Hall, Edgar Gilbert Phillips, Alice Dyson, John Fallows, Archie Hope, Brenda Henderson, Frank Mawson (Priest), Patricia Collins, Freda King, Bill Halsall, Walter Parker, George Ashworth, Sarah Ann Cole, William Hassall (Priest), Millie Holland, Elizabeth Harper, James Clough, John William Chapman, William Charles Ford, Edith Brenkley, Philip Palmer, Annie Turner, Mary Jane Wilford, Brian Redhead, Charles Bailey, Arthur Patrick Hartland, Winston Churchill, Archie Pattison, Harry Morgan, Wyn Selby, Alan Morgan, Katie Flockart Parry, Letetia Vernon, Eliza Pickup, Owen Yandell (Priest), Percy Reginald Goodwin, Margaret Jane Dew, Les Johnstone, Angus McDougall, Martyn Ellis.

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. **Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 14: 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

Psalm

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
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O blessed are those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed all those who fear the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

Reading: Revelation 19: 6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, 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."

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

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.

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. **Amen.**



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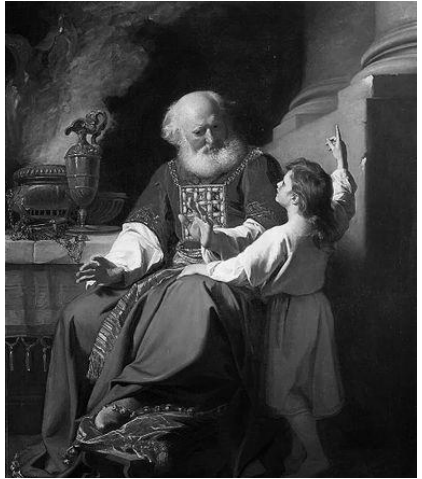
Epiphany 2

*Liturgy: Epiphany Booklet
Setting: Addington*

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Today's Hymns

Announced in service



Notices

Post-Christmas Lunch today: if you put your name on the list for this, we'll see you after today's service for a good hot meal!

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Parish: Park View, Brooke Road East, Alder Grove, Cedar Grove, Laurel Grove, Myrtle Grove, Pine Grove, Somerville Grove.

The World: for aid workers who risk all in order to reach those in need.

For: Nazanin Zhagari-Ratcliffe in captivity in Iran.

With Christian Aid: A prayer for all communities displaced by violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar

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Year's Mind: Irene Harwood, Jack Naylor, Robert Ralph Honner (Priest), Edward Stembridge, Peter Hewitt (Priest), Clifford Broadbent, Albert Clawson, Richie Williams, Nancy Stone, Ralph Moore, Patricia Joan Kelley, Edward Sydney Woods (Bishop), Harriet Salmon, Courtney Clarke, Roy Goodwin, Julie Walker, Sarah Simons, Dorothy Kent, Norah Rodgers, Pat Edwards, Marian Ashworth, Mary Cecilia Dixon, William Henry Simons, Marth Jane Pilkington, Emily Caroline Goodwin, Evelyn Hughes, Audrey Pearson, Frederick Beattie, Joan Holmes, Lilian Grieves, Sian Hawkins, Ada Margaret Pilkington, John Bell, Elizabeth Jane Williamson, Margaret Poole, George Nicholson, Elizabeth Williamson, Kenneth Hall, Edgar Gilbert Phillips, Alice Dyson, John Fallows, Archie Hope, Brenda Henderson, Frank Mawson (Priest), Patricia Collins, Freda King, Bill Halsall, Walter Parker, George Ashworth.

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. **Amen.**

Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called

me.' But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' 'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm: 139

Refrain: How wonderful are your works, O Lord

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Refrain: How wonderful are your works, O Lord

For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

Refrain: How wonderful are your works, O Lord

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

Refrain: How wonderful are your works, O Lord

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,
As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.

Refrain: How wonderful are your works, O Lord

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

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Reading: Revelations 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.'

Gospel: John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

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.

Amen.