

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 9 January 2022 Epiphany 2

Happy New Year to each one

This week’s Gospel reading (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22) takes us to the baptism of Jesus. Each Gospel writer has their own emphases and approach, a part of Luke’s is the work of the Holy Spirit and the place of prayer in the life of Jesus and his followers. Therefore, Luke tells us that it was as Jesus was praying that the Holy Spirit came upon him and speaks.

I don’t know about you, I’m not someone who makes many new year resolutions, but I am someone who regularly wonders about changing/improving/altering my prayer life. It is one of those parts of life that is fairly constantly developing and changing and I’m usually dissatisfied with it, longing to be:

- More regular
- More focussed
- More aware of what to pray for
- Or any number of other desires.

As the years have gone on I’ve come to realise that maybe God loves me as I am and looks forward to when I set aside time, be it 5 seconds, 5 minutes, 15 minutes or anything else! This is a relationship that changes and develops, the judgemental part of me will always be dissatisfied. But there is also the challenge to hear those words spoken to Jesus:

You are my Son with you I am well pleased

And ask myself what would God say to me, and can I let myself hear him say:

You are my son/daughter with you I am well pleased

And enjoy that, whilst also seeking to listen as well as talk to him!

Bible Readings

Sunday 9 January

10:30am Benefice Holy Communion Barton St David

Monday Psalm 2, Genesis 1:1-19, Matthew 21:1-17

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 9, Genesis 1:20-2:3, Matthew 21:18-32

Wednesday Psalm 20, Genesis 2:4-end, Matthew 21:33-end

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

Thursday Psalm 21, Genesis 3, Matthew 22:1-14

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 67, Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26, Matthew 22:15-33

Saturday Psalm 33, Genesis 6:1-10, Matthew 22:34-end

Sunday 16 January

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Morning Prayer has restarted in all three parishes, 9am on Monday in Keinton, Wednesday in Barton & Thursday in Lydford.

Forthcoming worship

16/1/22 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

23/1/22 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

4:00pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Mandeville

30/1/22 10:30am Joint Holy Communion for the Benefice and Methodist Chapel in Kingweston

On Saturday 22 January at 6:00pm the Choir are holding a Wassailing evening in Kingweston, please wear wellies, wrap up warm, bring a cup for your mulled apple juice or cider and come to enjoy some time together!

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Bible Book Club

Bible Book club is reading the Letter to the Ephesians and our next meeting will be in the new year, because the Advent course is on the day we'd planned to meet! Why not come along & see what happens?

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are now mandatory
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only

