

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 9 January 2022 Epiphany 2

I wonder how much you’re using any gifts you received at Christmas?

Some gifts we put away for a rainy day, or specific occasion whilst others are put into use immediately. In the past couple of weeks I’ve consigned a food processor that was a wedding present to the recycling, after over 20 years the bowl finally cracked and I invested in one with a larger bowl! It has been much appreciated and well used.

In the Epistle for Sunday Paul writes to the Corinthians about gifts, in this case not food processors but spiritual gifts, some sound strange to our ears, tongues, miracles, discernment etc. Others sound more ‘usual’ wisdom, knowledge, or faith. The Corinthians were inclined to have a hierarchy of gifts, where some were seen as more important than others and therefore more prized.

Paul however states that all the gifts are given to build up the church, and although there are different they all come from one God, and are used by him. There is also the expectation that each one of us has gifts from God to use in the church and communities in which we live. We may feel that they (or we) do not have any gifts, but we do.

It may be phoning a neighbour, welcoming someone new into church, flower arranging, distributing the magazine, coming onto a PCC, praying, taking copies of this sheet to those not on the internet, or many more. Two of our parishes are looking for new churchwardens in 2022, is that something that you can offer to do. Some gifts involved us in more public ministry, others are unseen, all are vital and all are important, so thank you all for the way you use your gifts and help to build up the church.

Bible Readings

Sunday 16 January Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Monday Psalm 146, Genesis 6:11-7:10, Matthew 24:1-14

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 132, Genesis 7:11-end, Matthew 24:1-28

Wednesday Psalm 81, Genesis :1-14, Matthew 24:29-end

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

Thursday Psalm 76, Genesis 8:15-9:7, Matthew 25:1-13

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 27, Genesis 9:8-19, Matthew 25:14-30

Saturday Psalm 122, Genesis 11:1-9, Matthew 25:31-END

Sunday 23 January

8:30 Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

2:30pm Keinton Mandeville Methodist Chapel Joint Covenant Service

4:00pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Mandeville Churchyard (or Church if wet!)

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

Our condolences go to the family of Dennis Lee of East Lydford who died last Saturday (8/1). His funeral will be in St Peter's Lydford on Fosse at 11:30am on 2/2/22

Forthcoming worship

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

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

2:30pm Keinton Mandeville Methodist Church Covenant Service

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