

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham  
**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**  
*Registered Charity*

The Sunday in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
January 20 2019

*Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.*

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**Entrance Hymn:** 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

**The Opening Prayer**

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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

*The Vindication and Salvation of Zion*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 36:5-10

**R/ How precious is your loving mercy, O God**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R/**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!

All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;  
they shall drink from the river of your delights. **R/**

For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R/**

**The Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11

*The Wedding at Cana*

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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn: 302** O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

**The Anthem:** From the Rising of the Sun *Frederick Ouseley*  
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my Name shall be great among the Gentiles;  
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my Name,  
for my Name shall be great among the heathen,  
thus saith the Lord!

**The Final Hymn: 484** The Church's one foundation

**The Organ Voluntary:** Piece d'orgue *J S Bach BWV 572*

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**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

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| Sidesmen      | George Constantinidi and Alison Shelley |
| Lessons       | Athley Cowling                          |
| Intercessions | David Dew                               |
| Servers       | Sheila Croton and Louis Bell            |
| Acolytes      | Peter Fernandez and Sue Hockley         |
| Chalice       | Stuart Crippen and Sue Hockley          |
| Coffee        | Pam Cole and Pauline Lester             |

**Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!**

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**Today**

4.30pm Choral Evensong with Prayers for Christian Unity (SM)

**This Week**

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| Mon 21   | Funeral of Howard Silver 1.00pm (SM)  |
| Tues 22  | Eucharist 7.30pm (SM) St Mary's PCC 8.00pm (CH)<br>Churches Together in Henley Forum 7.45pm for 8pm (Sacred Heart Parish Hall)                                |
| Wed 23   | Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)  |
| Thurs 24 | Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM)<br>Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)   |
| Fri 25   | Conversion of Paul Praying Together 9.30am (CH)<br>Eucharist 12noon (SM)  |
| Sat 26   | Henley Choir Festival 7.00pm (SM) (daytime rehearsal)<br><i>Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays</i> |

**Sunday January 27 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Eucharist (SM)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)  
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (SN)

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***Please pray for  
The Church:***

*The united Church of Bangladesh  
The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker - Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka*

***Our Bishops:***

Bishop Colin confirming in Wallingford  
Bishop Steven confirming in Hambleden Valley

***The sick:***

*Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer, Henry, Barbara*

***The departed:***

*Howard Silver, Graham Smith*

***Those whose year's minds falls this week:***

*David Lawson (20), Norah Wilkinson (26)*

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**Notices for the week beginning 20 January**

Choral evensong takes place at the new time of 4.30pm this afternoon and in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we will be joined by ministers from the Henley churches.

2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. This takes place once every six years. All who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

The next meeting of Churches Together in Henley is on Tuesday 22 January in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.45pm for 8pm. All welcome.

The next parish breakfast will be on Sunday 10 February at 8.35am in the Chantry House.

On Sunday February 17 there will be a united benefice confirmation service with Bishop Colin at 10.30am at St Mary's. Please speak to Fr Jeremy if you would like to be confirmed.

The Henley Choir Festival is to be held on Saturday 26 January at 7.00pm in St Mary's. As well as 7 local choirs taking part, the main piece is Handel's Messiah Part I including the Hallelujah Chorus. Over the years many charities have benefited from the festival and this year it will be Diabetes UK. The cost is £5 and singers pay too! There will be a bucket collection at the end of the evening. Please contact Liz Hodgkin on 573192 or David Butler on 0118 972 4065.

'Beyond Forgiving' - to be shown on Wednesday 27 February at 3pm at The Forge Cottage, Hart Street. This 30 minute film was initially shown at the Quaker Meeting House in November. It is a moving account of 2 people caught up in the conflict in South Africa during the apartheid years: a General in the ANC who ordered a retaliatory killing of civilians and a woman whose daughter was among those killed. They met afterwards and now work together to bring reconciliation around the world. All are welcome to come to see the film and discuss it afterwards over a cup of tea and biscuits. Please let Cleone Augur know if you would like to come (413953).

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm  
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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish  
office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day.  
Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***