

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

Sunday 19h January 2020
Second Sunday after Epiphany—Christian Unity

*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.*

Mass: A New People's Mass *Dom Gregory Murray*

Entrance Hymn: 55 Hail the Lord's Anointed

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, In Christ you make all things new:
Transform then 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 alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God now and for ever.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."
And now the LORD says- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength- he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
This is what the LORD says- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

R/ Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad

I waited patiently for the Lord;
He inclined to me and heard my cry,
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure, **R/**

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
Many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
Who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R/**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.

If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
They would be more than I am able to express. **R/**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
But my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;
Then said I: 'Lo I come. **R/**

'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
That I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.' **R/**

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;
Behold I do not restrain my lips,
And that, O Lord, you know. **R/**

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
From the congregation.
Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;
Let your love and faithfulness always preserve me. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42

John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher). 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and stay with me here, and you will see. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **302** O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
During which an offertory collection will be taken

The Communion Hymn: **278** Christ be with me, Christ within me

The Choir Anthem: O for a closer walk *Charles Villiers Stanford*

The Final Hymn: **484** The Church's one foundation (t167)

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

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Michael Christmas & Dorothy Marshall
Lessons	Maura Roni
Intercessions	Joan Edwards
Servers	Sheila Croton, Norman Peter Fernandez, Sue Hockley
Chalice	Carol Brook-Partridge & Sue Hockley
Coffee	Sheila & George Constantinidi

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

This Week

Mon 20	Funeral of Dennis Franklin 11.30am (SM)
Tues 21	
Wed 22	Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM)
Thurs 23	Eucharist 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm
Fri 24	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)
Sat 25	Mass to celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul 10am (SM) Henley Choirs Festival (SM)

*Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays
Please note that because of the failure of our boiler most weekday services at St Mary's will be held in
the Chantry House until the Spring.*

Sunday 26 January ~ The Third Sunday of the Epiphany

8.00am	Eucharist (SM)	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)
		11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP) (SN)

Please pray for

The church: *The United Church of Bangladesh, the most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin - Moderator,
Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushttia
For Bishop Colin and the work of the Dorchester Area Team as Bishop Colin leads the diocese during
Bishop Stephen's sabbatical*

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Richard, Duncan, Robert, Caroline, Teresa

The departed: *Michael Jones, Mary Hunter, Dennis Franklin Zacharia Wanjeru*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

David Lawson (20th)

Notices for the week beginning 12th January

The next parish breakfast will be on Sunday 9th February at 8.35am in the Chantry House
Julie Jones, Diocese Generous Giving Advisor will be coming to talk to members of the PCC and all
members of the congregation regarding the Parish Giving Scheme on Tuesday 25th February at 8pm
in the Chantry House. There will be a said Eucharist prior to this meeting in St. Leonard's chapel at
7.30pm. All welcome

The second term of Inspired to Follow, looking at the Bible with the help of great paintings, will take
place in the Chantry House at 10.15am, repeated at 8pm, on the following Fridays: - 31st January;
7th February, 14th February, 28th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 27th March.
There will be no 8pm session on 7th February and one or two further evening sessions may need to
be relocated due to other events in the Chantry House.

The new coloured envelopes for 2019 are available for those who use them at the back for the
church. Anyone using the white envelopes who wishes to convert to the more convenient coloured

envelopes should please speak to one of the Churchwardens or Martin Whittaker. Similarly, any users of the white or coloured envelopes who wishes to convert to the bankers standing order system is requested please to speak to the Treasurer, Kathryn Turner.

Saturday 25th January Henley Choir Festival, St Mary's Church - Starting at 7pm, the programme includes Haydn's Creation Part I and will feature contributions from soloists Rebecca Bell, Tom Emlyn Williams and James Stickings (the Rector of All Saints, Peppard). Entry is £5 and the event, which is now in its 11th year, is once again being held for charity. This year's choice being Autism Berkshire. For more information and to book tickets, call organisers David Butler on 0118 972 4065 or Elizabeth Hodgkin on 573192.

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.

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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 Monday morning. Friday is
his study day. Fr Jeremy would***