

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

**Sunday 26th January 2020**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Entrance Hymn:** 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

**The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, Whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
The wonder of Your heavenly grace, And in all our weakness  
Sustain us by Your mighty power; Through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever **Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading: 1 Kings 17 : 8-16**

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

**The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 36**

**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/**

**The Gospel Reading: 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.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:**       **353**   Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
*During which an offertory collection will be taken*

**The Communion Hymn:**   **385**   Jesu, the very thought of thee

**The Choir Anthem:**       Ave verum   *Edward Elgar*

**The Final Hymn:**         **420**   O Jesus I have promised

**The Organ Voluntary**     Noel nouvelet   *Philip Moore*  
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**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

Sidesmen	Athley Cowling & George Constantinidi
Lessons	George Constantinidi
Intercessions	Terry Grouk
Servers	Sheila Croton, Norman Topsom
	Sue Hockley
Chalice	Gill Aitchison & Carol Brook-Partridge
Coffee	Pauline Lester & Joan Edwards

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

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**This Week**

Mon 27	Funeral for Murial Dibley 1pm (SN)
Tues 28	
Wed 29	Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am   BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM)
Thurs 30	Eucharist 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm
Fri 31	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Eucharist 12 noon 9SM Memorial service for Michael Jones 2pm (SM)
Sat 01	Funeral of Pamela Hambly 11 am (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.*

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**Sunday 02 February ~ Candlemas**

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

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***Please pray for***

***The church:*** *The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, The Most Revd Naqudal Alves Gomes—  
Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba*  
*For our Treasurer, Kathryn, and for the work of the busy finance team of the diocese as they prepare  
year-end accounts and ensure our suppliers are paid in good time.*

***The sick:***

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

***The departed:*** *Michael Jones, Zacharia Wanjeru, Murial Dibley, Pam Hambly*

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

*Norah Wilkinson (26) Frank Blunt (28) Sue Morris (29) Donna Berenger (30)  
Matthew Brown*

**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's 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.

You are invited to see the Snowdrops at Henley Quaker Meeting House, 45, Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames, on Sunday 2nd February, 1.30-3.30.

The Benefice pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August 2020. Those interested in attending, please let Fr. Jeremy or Sue Hockley know. Further details will be available in due course.

Bishop Colin will be Confirming at St. Mary's on Tuesday 8th September at 6pm. This will be his last official visit to the benefice as Bishop of Dorchester

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  
tel: 577340 email: office.hwr@btinternet.com rector.hwr@btinternet.com  
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  
appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***