

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Page numbers in the NIV pew bibles

Isa. 62. 1-5, Page 748-749

1 Cor. 12. 14-17, Page 1153

John 2. 1-11, Page 1064-1065



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

All who live in The Close.

Everyone involved in organising the Christingle service and everyone who will attend.

The team organising the Winter Kidz event and all the families who go along.

Szymon William Stokes, his parents and Godparents as they prepare for his baptism on 27th January.

Everyone working hard to organise the Candlemas weekend.

All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

Dear Lord, let me not take those I love for granted,
or be blind to the marvel of their presence,
to the sound of their voices, the joy of their companionship,
or the beauty of their love.

May their minor faults and failings,
which sometimes cause me discomfort,
be seen as trivial transgressions compared to the marvel of the gift
that you have loaned them to me for a short while.

Help me to love them today
as if tomorrow you would call them home to you.

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| SUNDAY | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | SC |
| 20 th January | 11.15am | Holy Communion | Sidd |
| 3rd Sunday of Epiphany | 4.00pm | Christingle Service | SC |
| THURSDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | SC |
| 24 th January | | | |
| SATURDAY | 2-4pm | Winter Kidz | Sidd |
| 26 th January | | | |
| SUNDAY | 8.00am | Holy Communion | SC |
| 27 th January | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Pr |
| 4th Sunday of Epiphany | 11.15am | Morning Praise | SC |
| | 11.15am | Morning Praise | Sidd |
| | 2.00pm | Baptism | SC |

SC - South Cerney CW - Cerney Wick Sidd - Siddington Pr - Preston
Morning Prayer is said each day in All Hallows. 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 9.15am on Wednesday.

Our Benefice Mission Statement

Growing in our relationship with God,
Caring for the whole Church Family,
Sharing the good news of Jesus in love and action.

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CHRISTINGLE

There will be a Christingle Service in All Hallows Church today, Sunday 20th January at 4pm. Come along to get your decorated orange and learn more about the 50 year history of Christingle and the Children's Society.

'WINTER KIDZ'

Saturday 26th January 2.00 pm-4.00 pm in Siddington Village Hall.

Following on from the success of Harvest Kidz in October, St Peter's Church is organising 'Winter Kidz' which will be an afternoon full of activities for the whole family.

Activities will be based around the story of 'The Lost Sheep' and will include making an edible sheep, decorating a party hat as well as other creative crafts, games, puzzles and much more. There will also be a story and singing time before we enjoy some refreshments together. The event is free and is suitable for children of all ages.

CANDLEMAS WEEKEND

Saturday 2nd February - Sunday 3rd February

Preparations are underway for the All Hallows Church Candlemas weekend when the church will be beautifully lit by candle light. There will be teas, with lots of cake, served on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons (2pm – 5pm) with Messy Candlemas at 4pm on Sunday. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and also hand-made cards for sale and you will be able to sign up for the Easter memorial flowers.

If you can help with the teas over the weekend or provide a cake please contact Catriona Carver (860748) or Ruth Lewis (860246). If you have items suitable for the Bring and Buy or can help in any way over the weekend please get in touch with Kathryn Harris (861812). Jenny Gardiner (860620) will also be looking for people to do candle arrangements to light up the church. Thank you.

ELIZABETH WAY COMMUNION

In February we are starting a new communion service in the Elizabeth Way Community Room in Siddington. It will take place once a month at 10am on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The said communion service will be followed by refreshments and a faith chat. All are welcome to attend. If you require a lift please speak to Jennifer. The first service will take place at 10am on Wednesday 6th February. Please note that there will be no service in March as it will be Ash Wednesday.

MORE SUNDAY VERGERS NEEDED

The role of Sunday verger has been up and running now for a few months and is going well. However we are in need of a few more people to take on this important role within the life of the church. Training will be provided and there is a crib sheet to follow. If you would like more information then please speak to Jennifer or Martin.

STREET FAIR RAFFLE

We are looking for someone to help with the raffle for the Street Fair. We already have someone sorting out the prizes, ordering the tickets and selling the tickets on the day. However we need someone to help with the distribution of the tickets before the Street Fair and distributing the prizes after. If you think you may be able to help with this then please speak to Jennifer.

STREET FAIR 27TH MAY 2019

Thank you to everyone who has offered to run church stalls at the 2019 Street Fair.

There will still be a lot of helpers needed on the day to run the various stalls and games. A lot of stock will be needed to keep the stalls going all day and while it is a bit too early to start making cakes please begin to 'spring clean' and sort out items for the bric-a-brac and book stalls. Storage space is also needed for bric-a-brac, so if you can offer a garage, shed or even a spare room, please could you let me know.

Joan Townsend

CAP MONEY COURSE

Would you like to manage your money better? Trained Cirencester Baptist Church money management coaches from www.capuk.org are available to give you the tools to help you. Email capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org to book for the next fun, free, friendly small group course - or just turn up. No personal financial information is used or shared in the course. Dates of the next 2 session course at Cirencester Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane GL7 1YE are Monday evenings 4th and 11th February from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

The next evening course will run on Tuesdays 11th & 18th June 2019.



GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL EVENTS GUIDE

The Events Guide for February – April 2019 is now available on the Cathedral website.

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DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30 and passionate about your faith? Do you feel called to public Christian ministry, but don't know what type or where to start? Would you consider living in a small community, exploring and sharing with others in prayer, discipleship and ministry? If so, then we might have something you would be interested in. The Diocese of Gloucester is offering an exciting and fulfilling placement scheme for up to four people, aged between 18-30, who believe God might be calling them to Christian ministry.

During the placement the scheme will provide an opportunity for participants to experience ministry in a variety of placements and aims to equip people for a life of service to God. You will also be a member of the foundation year at Cuddesdon Theological College (Gloucester and Hereford), allowing you to grow in your understanding of the Bible and of your faith.

We will offer accommodation and life in a community, in the centre of Gloucester, with prayer at its heart. Vocational guidance and support will be provided by an experienced diocesan team.

For lots more information please visit the Ministry Experience Scheme webpage or contact the Scheme Coordinator Simon Monk on smonk@glosdioc.org.uk or call him on 07757 391837.