

**Notices:** continued.

**Fairtrade Stall:** Steph will be here with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service today. Time to stock up on all your favourite items!

**The Funeral of Jean Fulcher** is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January here in St Michael's at 1pm. The family has asked for a choir, please could any of our choir members who are available let Edith know. Thanks.

**Knitters and Stitchers is now at 2.30pm:** The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January at 2.30pm in church. We will share ideas for new projects; do come for a chat, a cuppa or even some stitching! All welcome. More info from Mary 638897 or Geraldine.

**FOSM Lunch** This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 19th January. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to come to this very sociable occasion, so do join us.

**In Harmony Singing Day:** Saturday 28 January 1.30–5.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Station Road, Melton IP12 1PX. Come and explore a wide range of music for worship in many styles with Richard Hubbard, leader of the Cathedral's Parish Music Development Project. **Open to all who enjoy singing in choirs or congregations.** £5/person. Please book in advance: [www.stedscathedral.org/inharmony](http://www.stedscathedral.org/inharmony) or call 01284 748720.

**Monthly Newsletter by email:** From February the monthly newsletter will be emailed to all of you who have email addresses. There will always be paper copies at the back of church for those who don't use email. If you do not receive your copy it probably means I don't have your email address, I can add you to the list if you email the Parish Office. If you would prefer not to be emailed please let me know. Thanks Victoria.

**Christmas card recycling:** Please could you save your Christmas cards for Mary Lamb who has a project in mind!! She has put a box at the back of church for them to be placed in. Thank you.

**The Healing Team:** Two members of the Healing Group will be present in our Space For Grace after the 9.30 service today for anyone to share their concerns, or doubts, fears or worries. It is done in complete confidence.

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## The Second Sunday of Epiphany - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Today's Service:

**Processional Hymn:** 280 Hail to the Lord's anointed

**Gradual Hymn:** 589 On Jordan's bank

**Offertory Hymn:** 413 Just as I am

**Final Hymn:** 37 And did those feet

**Collect:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### First Reading: Isaiah 49 v1-7

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' 4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' 5 And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. 6 The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the

survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' 7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

For the word of the Lord.

Response (ALL) **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** 589 On Jordan's bank

**Alleluia:** Gospel Acclamation (Bernadette Farrell)

**Response (ALL) Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

**GOSPEL:** John 1 v29-42

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Response (ALL): **Glory to you O Lord.**

29 John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' 32 And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 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." 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' 35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 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?' 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and

followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42 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).

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Response (ALL): **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Post Communion:** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life; fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please pray for:** Robin Self, Patrick Lewin and Graham Vellacott, Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

**Give thanks** for the lives of Violet Ruth Mann and Aileen Meynell on the first anniversary of their deaths. 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God' Romans 8.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – 10.30am Holy Communion in the Rectory.

**Next Sunday:** Sunday 22nd January 2016: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Parish Eucharist. Saxtead: 11.15am Morning Prayer.

**Notices:** Please take this sheet home with you.

**Children's activities during the 9.30am service:** Deborah, Edith or Victoria would be very pleased if any children here today would like to come and join in some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

**Alive @ 4:** This service is happening at 4pm this afternoon, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, in St Michael's Rooms. There will be fun, fellowship, bible stories, activities, crafts and high tea. For more details ring Mary Lamb on 01728 638897 or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125.