

Notices continued:

Food Bank Update:

Thank you to everyone who has been donating food for the food bank, it is still badly needed, in fact the demand seems to be growing and the Salvation Army are very grateful. A lot of the people who use this food bank are homeless so don't even have cookers; please bear that in mind when you buy. When I was there I was given a list of the most needed items. (They try to work on a two week rota, i.e. giving slightly different items on alternate weeks so as to balance the diet as much as possible. I have put this list on the bin at the back of the church. This is just a rough guide and anything you can spare is very welcome. Please continue to check the SELL BY DATES, this is really important. Thank you all for your support. If anyone would like any more information, please speak to me. Sandy R.

Wednesday 24th January – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 28th January 2018:

8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30am Parish Eucharist (CW).

12.30pm Baptism of Dolly Rose Mordecai

Saxtead: 11.15am Morning Prayer.

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The Third Sunday of Epiphany. January 21st 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 407 Jesus, where'er thy people meet

Gradual Hymn: 91 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Offertory Hymn: 687 Take my life, and let it be

Final Hymn: 232 Go forth and tell

Collect: God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed; anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Revelation 19.6–10

6 I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; 8 to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, 'write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia: For Epiphany - Bernadette Farrell.

Response (ALL): **Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

GOSPEL: John 2.1–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

1 There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9 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, 10 '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.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response (ALL): **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world; may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for:

Patrick Lowin, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Give thanks for the life of Michael Bridges, on the first anniversary of his death and remember his family in your prayers

Notices:

Alive @ 4: Today, Sunday 21st January at 4pm, in St Michael's Rooms. All welcome. 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.

Soul Food:

This prayer group will meet on Friday 26th January at Framlingham College Chapel. A light breakfast is served from 8.30 – 9am followed by prayers from 9 – 9.30am. All are welcome. Please enter via Reception.

Funeral service for the Late Mrs Joan Allen will be held on Saturday 27th January in St Michael's at 2pm

Volunteers are needed to join the Tower Team Rota to provide children's activities during the sermon. This would be once a month or less (depending on how many volunteers there are!) We use the Roots children's worship resource. Full support available if needed. For more information please talk to Victoria Finney. Thank you.

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service:

Any children here today would be very welcome to come and join Victoria for some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

Children's Society Boxes:

February is the month for our boxes to be emptied, so please would you bring them to church on Sunday 4th February at our Christingle service if possible or the Sundays following. If you would like a box for 2018, I will have some with me in church for the next few weeks. For any newcomers, the idea is to put your loose change into the boxes at the end of the day, it soon adds up. The Children's Society works with vulnerable children, who have nowhere left to turn. For more information please visit the website childrenssociety.org.uk. Thank you. Mary Stanbrook.

The Healing Team:

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