

VACANCY: The PCC wishes to appoint a temporary Church and Hall Cleaner (maternity cover). The post is for 6 hours/week at £8.75 ph. For details please speak to Jacqui Wilson.

LIGHTHOUSE: Next Sunday 21st January at The 10.30 Service, Lighthouse's Godly Play for children under 12. Start in church before moving to the hall. This week - Celebrating miracles.

LENT COURSE: This year's Lent Course will be 'Essential Jesus', focusing on how the Old Testament looks forward to Jesus. There will be daily readings, weekly meetings and sermons. Books of the daily readings will be available at the reduced cost of £3. Large print also available. Please sign up at the back of church.



Welcome to our services today.
Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 14th January 2018 – Epiphany 2

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
 1030 The 10.30 Service

This Week's Activities

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| Wednesday | 0900 | Morning Prayer |
| | 1400 | Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson) |
| | 1930 | Homegroup (Sandra Morgan) |
| | 1930 | Homegroup (Pauline Letters / Dave Fowler) |
| | 1930 | PCC Standing Committee (Vicarage) |
| Friday | 1415 | Friday Friends |
| Saturday | 0900 | Church Cleaning |

Sunday 21st January 2018 – Epiphany 3

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
 (including Lighthouse's Godly Play for children under 12)
 1800 The 6.00 Service

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Mission of the Month: The Leprosy Mission



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N.B. Please remember to take this Pew Sheet away with you

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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 for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Revelation 5:1-10

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open

its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 1:43-51

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

Glory to you O Lord

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ