

Christ Church

ERITH



Sunday 20th January 2019

Epiphany 3

08:30 Holy Communion

10:00 Parish Communion with Baptism

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: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36.5-10

With you, O God, is the well of life.

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.**
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your
house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights.**

**9 For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.**

**10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who
know you and your righteousness to those who
are true of heart.**

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Second Reading: 1.Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel: 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.

Post Communion prayer

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**

Notices

BAPTISM: Today we welcome the Raji family who are with us for baptism. We pray for the candidates: Amaris, Ayana and Akila, and for their Godparents.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27th January, we will be honoured by a visit to our church by **Lyndsay Llewellyn-McDuff**, who is Chaplain to Bishop James of Rochester. Lyndsay will be preaching during the 10am service. We hope for a good turn-out to welcome her.

MAIN ENTRANCE: In order to get permission from the DAC to install toilets in the West Porch, we have to stop using the West Porch as the main Church entrance. Our true Main Entrance is in the Bell Tower and is usually only used on special occasions, e.g. for weddings, funerals, Remembrance Sunday and during any special exhibitions or events like the Christmas Tree Festival. Two years ago the PCC paid for remedial work to the steps of that entrance to make them safe, the door was refurbished and the arch over the door repaired. Of course the ramped entrance will always be open for those who need or wish to use that entrance, so if the doors are closed then just turn the handle and they will open. In order to preserve the heat inside the church and stop excessive drafts the doors will probably be closed but they certainly will not be locked during service or event times. Our Church is a building which is difficult to keep at a comfortably warm temperature so every effort is needed to make this happen, just closing doors can make so much

difference. Please feel free to speak to the Church Wardens about this if necessary.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE: Contributions to the magazine are most welcome. If you have something you would like to share, or maybe you know of local businesses who wish to advertise in the magazine, please contact Paul Hyde by email. The email address is paulh4010@gmail.com

KIDS CLUB normally meets every 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Sunday for age 6-11, for younger children there are books and activities available in the Children's corner. First Sunday each month is All Age Service and the children remain in Church sitting with their families. Any adults or teenagers who would like to explore helping with Kid's Club, are invited to speak with Jacki Clement or Tasha Archer

INTERCESSIONS are the time during our service when we pray for the world, the Church and for us and our Community. Please refer any pastoral concerns for members of the congregation or members of the local community to any member of the Ministry team.

Please pray for the sick, frail, housebound, those in care and for those who are homeless. Requests left in the book at the back of the North Aisle will be offered each week at the Parish Communion.

This week we pray especially for the staff and students/readers of **Bexley College** and **Erith Library**.

CLOAKROOM FACILITIES are available in the Church Hall during church services.

This Week

Morning Prayer

Mon to Fri 9.05am-9.30am in Christ Church

Coffee Morning at the Ark Café, Pier Road

Tues 10.30am

Holy Communion in St John's

Wednesday 12 noon

Holy Communion in Christ Church

Thursday 9.30am

Readings for Next Sunday, 27th January (Epiphany 4)

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12.12-31

Gospel Luke 4.14-21

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