

PEW SHEET Sunday, January 22nd 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



TODAY IN CHURCH

8.00 am **Low Mass** Fr Alex

9.15 am **Family Service** Fr Alex

10.45 am **Sung Mass** Fr Alex

6.30 pm **Choral Evensong** Fr Alex

Flowers today are given by Anne Eaton in loving memory of Ben

10.45 AM SUNG MASS

Mass Setting Kenneth Leighton in D

Opening Hymn 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Collect Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9.1 – 4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

8.00 am: Psalm 27. 4-12 (printed in the back of Common Worship)

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 257 This is the day the Lord has made

Gospel Acclamation

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4. 12 – 23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called

them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Homily Fr Alex

Offertory Hymn 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion Motet Christopher Rathbone: Prayer of St Richard

Communion Hymn 40 What child is this, who, laid to rest

Post Communion Prayer 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 466 Thou whose almighty word

Organ Postlude C Rathbone: Variations on Was lebet (op 109 no 3) – Adagio and Toccata

Gerry Whittington invites members of the congregation to join him for a glass of wine in the hall in celebration of his birthday.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Departed Steven Clarke, Pamela Marshall, Kevin Wright

Years' Mind

Sunday John Baggaley

Monday Molly Berry, Kenneth Chamberlain, Chris Hartley,

Constance Hanson, Roy Allen, Charles Holloway

Wednesday John Edwin Barfield

Thursday D Grace Garlick, Doris Hughff, Richard Harry White, Jean Gadsden,

Val Hutton

Friday Harold Bird, Arthur Douglas Roberts, Basil Rooks

Saturday Helen Thomas

Please pray for the sick: Martin Ashby, Terry Ashworth, Jasper Boyton, Pam Hearnshaw, Elizabeth Horn, Anna Lickley, Tom McLeish, Philip Rowbottom, Kathleen Shilitoe, David Scottow, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Irene Whittaker, Wendy Williams, Ian Wilson.

6.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 150(ii), 374, 248(ii)

Psalm 33

Setting Herbert Murrill in E

Anthem William Harris: Come, my way, my truth, my life

Readings Ecclesiastes 3.1 - 11 1 Peter 1.3 - 12

Homily Fr Alex

Organ Postlude Percy Whitlock: Scherzo (Five short pieces)

The congregation is invited to sit in the choir stalls to participate in the service.

FORTNIGHTLY CHURCH DIARY

Please note, service times may change over the coming weeks while repairs to the church are undertaken. Please look out for notices.

Morning Prayer at 7.45 am and Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm daily (Tuesday to Friday)

Tuesday 24	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 25	10.00 am	Magazine Committee meeting	
Thursday 26		Low Mass	Fr Alex
	6.45 pm	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting	
Friday 27	9.30 am	Playtime	
•	6.15 pm	Cant and Dec rehearsal	
	7.00 pm	SMS and social time	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 28	12.00 pm	Choir concert in Holy Trinity Church, Skipton	
Sunday 29	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex (H: Catherine G)
Epiphany IV	9.15 am	Family Service	Fr Alex (H: Catherine B)
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex (H: Catherine G)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex
Tuesday 31	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex

FEBRUARY Thursday 2 Candlemas	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Low Mass with social time Sung Mass and procession followed by wine	Fr Alex Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth)
Friday 3	9.30 am 12.30 pm 6.15 pm 7.00 pm 7.45 pm	Playtime Organ Recital Cant and Dec rehearsal SMS and social time Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 5 Third Sunday Before Lent	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.45 am	Low Mass Family Service Sung Mass and dedication of new vestments	Fr Alex Fr Alex (H: Catherine G) Fr Alex

NOTICES

Fr Alex (H: Fr Bernard)

Choral Evensong

6.30 pm

Kevin Wright RIP

Kevin will be known to some members of the congregation, having used his creative carpentry skills in a number of our homes over the years. He was also a talented actor and musician. His mother, Jean Williamson, joins us in church today, and we offer her and Kevin's family our prayers and heartfelt condolences after his sudden death.

Stewardship

We are very grateful to everyone who has responded to our stewardship renewal. Pledges received will increase our regular giving in 2023 by £390 per month, or £4,680 over the course of the year. We have also received some generous one-off donations. A full stewardship report will be available at the APCM. If you need to talk to anyone about your giving or would like help with the response form, please speak in confidence to the Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton, or to the Treasurer, Philip Tooke.

Open the Book

The Open the Book team is very happy to be back in Ashlands School. The children loved our first assembly, *In the Beginning*. This week we are telling the story, *A Sad Day*. We are looking for someone else to join our lively team. If you would like to find out more, please talk to Anne, Helen Stefanuti, Tina, Ros, or Catherine Gibson.

The Bible Reading Fellowship

The bible is a puzzling book and difficult to understand. The best way of making sense of it is to take the bible reading notes which give a short passage each day from the bible plus a commentary to help understand it. The notes are available from Betty Gribbin. The cost is £15.00 per year from May 2023 to April 2024. Please order your copy by 29th January. Cheques payable to B and E Gribbin. There is a sample copy of the table at the back of church for you to take a look.

Saturdays in the Parish Hall

Articulate, the drama class which takes place in the Parish Hall on Saturday mornings during term time has extended its hire time to 3.15 pm. From Saturday 28 January Articulate will hire the hall from 8.45 am to 3.15 pm.

DIARY DATES

If Prison Walls Could Speak Tuesday 24 January at 7.30 pm Ilkley Baptist Church

A theatre presentation of a true story of resilience, espionage and faith from the heart of the persecuted church. Information and tickets: ilkleybaptistchurch.org. Supported by Churches Together in Ilkley. Tickets cost £5 and can also be booked at https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/32437 Stalls will also be at the event from Release International and Open Doors, as well as Amnesty International.

Better Buses for a Better Climate – presentation Thursday 26 January at 7.30 pm Christchurch Café, Ilkley

Christchurch Climate Action Forum presents 'Better Buses for a Better Climate: putting people and planet over profit,' an illustrated presentation and conversation led by Matthew Topham, Lead Campaigner at We Own It. Free admission and refreshments (donations appreciated). For your ticket call Chris or Gary on 01943 430634 or email: chrisknamiller@hotmail.com

"From Epiphany to Candlemas" a lunchtime recital of liturgical music Saturday 28 January 12 noon Holy Trinity Church Skipton BD23 1NJ

A recital by our own St Margaret's choir, who are generously lending their voices to support the smaller church of St Augustine's in Draughton in their effort to become carbon neutral by insulating their roof. The programme covers the wonderful music traditional to this most exciting liturgical period, so please do come, enjoy, and donate generously!

Note: Skipton tends to be busy on Saturday mornings, and there is no parking by the church. You will need to allow a little time to park in the main town car park and walk up the High Street, or there is a further car park up The Bailey if that is more convenient.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Thursday 2 February

Morning Prayer at 7.45 am

Low Mass at 11.00 am followed by social time

Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm

Sung Mass and Procession at 7.30 pm followed by wine

Join us as we celebrate the traditional end of the Christmas and Epiphany season. The Sung Mass will conclude with a procession to the font—the place of baptism and the symbol of Christ's tomb—as we mark the end of the celebration of the Lord's birth and look towards his Passion.

Organ Recital Friday 3 February at 12.30 pm

The programme contains lovely music from the mid 20th century by Flor Peeters (a set of Chorale variations from op 70, 1948); Jean Langlais (two pieces from his Suite Brève op 54, 1947); two short pieces by Percy Whitlock (Salix and Scherzo); and my own variations on the lovely French psalm tune which we sing to 'Virgin-born, we bow before you' (op 96, written in 2003). CBR.

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