



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17 January - Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3.1-10; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end



Today

Any time [Benefice Worship Service](#)
(youtube) led by Revd Nick Bird
with a homily from Revd Mark Poole

11.30am [Post-service coffee & chat via Zoom](#)



This week

Monday 18 January

9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)

Tuesday 19 January

9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)

Wednesday 20 January

9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)

7.00pm [Compline via Zoom](#)

Thursday 21 January

9.00am [Morning Prayer via zoom](#)

Sunday 24 January : Epiphany 3

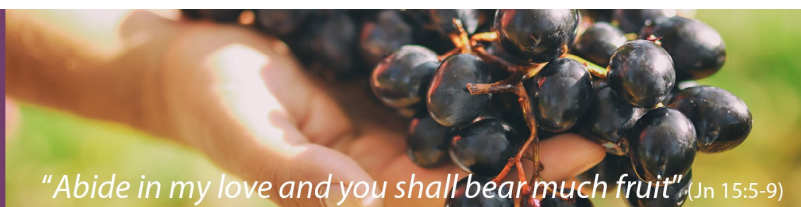
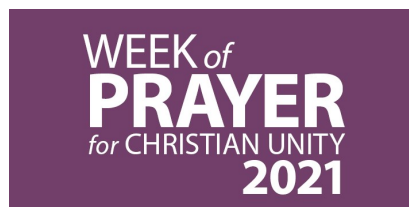
Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

Any time [Benefice Worship Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)
(youtube) led by Revd Mark Poole and Judith Hewitt
with a homily from Bishop Alison (of Hull)

11.30am [Post-service coffee & chat via Zoom](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January 2021

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit". (Jn 15:5-9)



Wonderful Variety

a reflection by Judith Hewitt

Since lockdown began in March the BBC local radio stations have broadcasted a Christian act of worship at 8.00am on a Sunday morning.

We have listened each Sunday, while we eat our breakfast, to services from every part of the country, involving lay people as well as Bishops and with both younger and older voices. Last Sunday the Bishop of Sherborne shared her thoughts on the journey of the Magi, and of us, like them, being both a seeker and a searcher.

The variety of worship is amazing, with worship songs ranging from those written by the performer to traditional hymns, with themes reflecting the Church year as well as those to celebrate local and national events and local initiatives. Not only is there variety in the worship, but it is also for a diverse audience.

As we listen, I recognise that not all the worship would be for me week by week, but everyone worships God in different ways, just as our relationship with God is different for each one of us.

We have not had the opportunities to go away this year and with it the chance to experience worship in different places, so the fact the radio has been able to do this for us has enriched our Christian faith.

Week by week there is an underlying message, that wherever we are, whatever situation we are in or however we are feeling there is a God who loves and cares about each one of us, who is always there for us and who we can turn to at any time of the day or night.

As we continue into 2021, let us use every opportunity we can to worship God in a variety of ways and in a variety of places and in doing so to strengthen the faith we have.

Judith Hewitt, Reader

Parish Churches News & Events

Warthill 100 Club

Once again we would like to thank all those who supported our 100 Club in 2020 and we would very much appreciate your support in 2021. As we are in lockdown once again this could be our only church fundraiser this year.



Tickets are £12 for the year, there is a monthly draw of £25 and two draws in December, each of £25 and are available from any member of St Mary's PCC.

THANK YOU from The Children's Society

We have received a letter of thanks from The Children's Society for the £165.00 we collected for them as part of our Christingle celebrations. Thank you to everyone who gave.



The Society says: *It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like yours that we are able to transform the hopes and happiness of thousands of children in this country who face abuse, exploitation and neglect and bring the full light of Christingle into their lives.*

The impact we can have on a young person's life is all driven by you – our volunteers, supporters and campaigners. When you attend a Christingle and support The Children's Society you are helping us to fight for the hope that is within all children.

You can read more about the impact your support has here - childrenssociety.org.uk/impact.

Thank you once again for helping to make sure that children in this country can look forward to a hope filled, brighter future.

Children's Newsletter

Lisa Horton, our Children and Families' Worker, produces a weekly newsletter especially for children in our Benefice. Access the [Children's Newsletter](#) on the St Nicholas Church website, or email Horton2517@sky.com to be added to Lisa's mailing list.

Lectionary Corner

18 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19 January: Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

21 January: Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome 304

[This week's full lectionary info.](#)

Community Support Group

We are still here to help



If you would like someone to collect your shopping, or to walk your dog, or if you'd like a friendly chat on the phone

Contact Rev. Nick Bird
01904 489349 : revnickbird@gmail.com
who will put you in touch with your local contact

Dunnington Methodist Church

Dear Friends.

As the Church Building remains closed at this time we hope you remain safe and well and look forward to a point in time when we can all meet together safely.

If there is anything we might be able to help you with, do not hesitate to call one of the stewards Anne Castle 01904 481656 (apologies, it will be a case of leaving a message as I am still at work), Diane Conway 01904 489495 or Chris Spedding 01904 481867.

Many Thanks.

News from the Methodist Circuit

Worship

Online worship produced by the Circuit can be found on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#) and a [list of online worship services around the Circuit](#) is available.

Sleep out for homelessness

On 23rd January young people from around the District will be sleeping out to raise money for projects working with those who are homeless. Can you help, by prayer or action (or both). [More information on the sleepout.](#) [Link to give money.](#)



Circuit Newsletter

If you have a story or item of news you would like to share for the next Circuit Newsletter, please send it to yorkcircuitoffice@gmail.com by **19th January**. We'd especially like to hear anything you would like to share about Lent.

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Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for **17th January** is **Lidgett**. Let us thank God for the work of God in that place, and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call at this time.



To receive this newsletter by email, [email Victoria](#). It is also available to download from the [St Nicholas Church website](#). To receive the Methodist Circuit News, please [email the Circuit office](#) or phone 07984 019995.

Next newsletter on **Sunday 24 January**. [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by **9.00 am on Thursday 21 January**