



### **The Collects for The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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.

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## **THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING**

**A letter from Rev Joy 16 January 2022**

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

I drafted this letter in longhand on the train to London on Friday. It was a bright and chilly morning and there was still frost on the fields. I saw a solitary heron between Hampden Park and Eastbourne and it reminded me how excited Clem gets when she sees one. They are very special birds—a bit like owls in their inscrutability. Felicity at Guestling gave me a very useful calendar for Christmas illustrated with her own photographs, one of which has two herons side by side—a rare sight indeed! It's been a week for travelling as yesterday Dawn, Neil and I were joined by David and Valerie, Fairlight's Churchwardens, for lunch with the Archdeacon at his home in Crowborough. Sadly Kathy couldn't join us as she was still waiting to test negative for Covid. I think the meeting went well and got things moving. More details will be forthcoming soon once all the PCCs have been fully informed of the process and timeline that has been provisionally agreed. I think train travel is the closest to riding a bike that I will ever come to as, even after 2 years of going nowhere, the feel of it and the confidence comes back very quickly. In my 20s I was a student commuter to Charing Cross as I studied for my first degree at Kings College in the Strand. In my 40s I repeated that exercise for 2 years as I studied for my MA at Kings again. Then in my 60s I did a year's pre-ordination training at SEITE with classes based at Southwark Cathedral. The station for



that was London Bridge and it meant late evening travel back to Hastings all through the winter with a bus service from Tunbridge Wells—those were the days!

Returning home to the Sussex coast after both my journeys, I was amazed at the beauty of the sky and the sea. The sea was an icy pale blue and as flat and still as the proverbial mill pond. The sky and the rising sea mist were coloured a beautiful rosy gold as they reflected the glorious sunset in the west. It was a lovely welcome home for this traveller!

I hope you have had some moments of beauty this week to lift your spirits and fill your heart with gladness.

This comes with my love, prayers and blessings as always,  
Joy

### **Westfield Church Services**

#### **Sunday 16th January Epiphany 2**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

#### **Wednesday 19th January**

9.30am Holy Communion

**Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095**

#### **Sunday 23rd January Epiphany 3**

#### **FSW Collection Day**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Morning Praise

### **Guestling Church Services**

#### **Sunday 16th January Epiphany 2**

11am Morning Praise

#### **Sunday 23rd January Epiphany 3**

11am Holy Communion



**A proud Juliet  
holding her certificate  
last Saturday**



**Another image from  
the Chichester Nativity**

## A spirit filled service welcomed new Authorised Lay Ministers

Fifty-eight people from Anglican churches across Sussex were commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers, by Bishop Ruth at a special service in Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 8th January, the third year the event has been held.



Authorised Lay Ministers share in the public ministry of the local church, as they serve their local parishes.

The Revd Jayne Prestwood, Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry, runs the lay ministry training programme. She said: "It is wonderful to mark the start of the Year by commissioning the Authorised Lay Ministers. Authorised Lay Ministry is now recognised across the Church of England as a vibrant and growing expression of lay ministry. I am delighted that we will be expanding our ALM training programme further to provide flexible and affordable skills-based training in a variety of different ministries."

We offer our prayers for all those commissioned and the parishes in which they serve.

## A Short Reflection

The season of Epiphany, in the northern hemisphere, coincides with the season of growing light. After the winter solstice in December, it takes some time to feel the new light, but at last, in January, we begin to notice a new strength, a growing life, in the light. This Sunday, scripture asks us to trust the signs, to believe that life in Christ is creative and renewal is possible. May we allow our gifts of the spirit to emerge and grow, as the Spirit chooses, with God's help.

## Westfield Notices

**FSW Sunday is next week 23rd. Please bring your donations**  
**Home groups begin again on Wednesday 19th January-**  
Wednesdays every week 7:30pm @ Cathy and Howard's  
Cockmartins Farm or Dawn and Jess @ Apple Tree Down.  
**Prayer group meetings start again from this Tuesday 18th**  
**January at 7:30pm at Cathy and Howard's house,**  
**Cockmartins Farm.**

**Parents, Toddlers and Babies will start again in February on**  
Wednesdays in church 1.30-3pm in term-time . Date tbc.

**Youth Church Zoom** 1st and 3rd Saturdays 4pm.

Email [kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com](mailto:kathyandericdarvill@gmail.com) for an invitation.

## Guestling Notices

**Guestling Prayer Diaries are now** available in Church  
**St Laurence's** will re-open from Monday 10th January  
**COVID Guidelines in Church**

**Masks or face coverings are now mandatory in places of**  
**worship** unless you have a medical exemption. Singing can  
be a reason to remove them but please ensure you are  
socially distanced if you choose to do so. **Please replace**  
**your masks when Communion is distributed. Please also**  
**remember to sanitize hands.**



Juliette has sent an update on the young doves - officially they are 'squabs' !! You can see the difference one week makes - last Saturday and this morning! The parents



keep them warm at night and I close the front of the cage for security and peg bubble wrap around the outside! When I touch them they are always warm, even when they are very tiny. Isn't nature so amazing.



## *The Chichester Nativity* is an immersive art installation at Chichester Cathedral which heralds the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic, from the local community and across the counties of East and West Sussex.

