

Parish News

Sunday 16th January 2022

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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Wearing face masks in Church is mandatory.

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator.

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.

First Reading *1 Corinthians 12.1-11*

¹Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.**

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Second Reading *John 2.1-11*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Post Communion

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.

Opportunities for Prayer

Every Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer at 9am
in **St. Luke's unless otherwise announced**



A Prayer Group Meeting takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 3pm at 13 Park Road. Join us as we **pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for the ministry and witness in our communities.**

As we have seen on the news, people are starving in Afghanistan, with more than 8 million on the brink of famine. Drought, conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic are causing a catastrophic rise in hunger. We need to **act now to save lives. Afghanistan's health care system has reached the brink of collapse. If we don't act now, many lives could be lost. More than 22 million people face going hungry as the freezing winter sets in, with children amongst those most vulnerable.** Your support will help Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities who are already on the ground scaling up their operations, and are able to reach the people most in need. With your support, they and their local partners can:

- provide emergency food and nutrition support for children
- support healthcare facilities
- provide winter kits to help displaced families stay warm
- supply clean drinking water
- protect women and girls

People need help now.

Prayer for Afghanistan

Come, Jesus... Come, our Saviour,

come to all the people in Afghanistan,
in this bleakest of winters.

Come, with food and water, to feed the hungry and refresh the
thirsty ones.

Come, once a child yourself, come to the children and the babies,
when so many cry with hunger pangs and parents would give
everything to feed them.

Come, the peace bearer, come and bring your shalom to this land
after forty years of brutal war.

Come to those displaced and uprooted,
to a people fearful and vulnerable to violence.

Come, the light in our night, come to families cold and shivering,
when infection passes from one to another, while the economy is
broken, and creation groans in pain.

For all people, of all faiths, to all children of every family,
in all the places where mothers weep and children cry,
come, God made vulnerable flesh,
to touch your world with true hope once more.

Turn our sorrow at the suffering of children, and our determination
that hate will not win, into something we can do.

Take the money we give and the prayers we pray, and stir in us, and in
all your people, whatever is needed for a new world to come.

From the depths of a bitter winter, may hope spring. Amen

From article by Rev Dr Susan Durber, Moderator, Faith and Order

Bible Studies on James

led by Rev. George Fleming

Sundays at 4pm in St. Luke's Church.

Please bring your own Bibles.

Study material and a recording of the study will be posted on our Website.

It is so encouraging when hard work in preparation is rewarded by a good attendance. Online and in church 25 people engaged with the study—**make sure you don't miss out!!**

You can catch up online

WEEKLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- SOUP, BEANS, PASTA
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- SQUASH
- UHT MILK



What's on

Tuesday 18th January PCC on zoom

Monday 24th January 1.30pm—Friendship Group in
Church Centre

Tuesday 1st February Licensed Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday 2nd February 2pm Mother's Union

****Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to advertise
your group meeting****

Parish Magazine 2022

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St Luke's Church) in the brown envelope which

should be returned to the distributor or the

Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE

remember HANDS, FACE AND SPACE

If you take risks you are not caring for others!

St Luke's

Wednesday 19th January 2022 10.00am

Sunday 23rd January 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

St Thomas'

Sunday 23rd January 2022 11.00am No Service

Morning Services and Wednesday Morning Prayer will continue to be on our website, Facebook page and on our YouTube Channel but later in the day on a Sunday.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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