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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2019
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



The Children's Church Pantomime trip- with thanks to Belle Howard for the photo and for sponsoring The Lookout this week

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	40
GRADUAL	575
OFFERTORY	27
COMMUNION	704 & 234
FINAL	683

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (a bell will be rung)

"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Ezekiel 43:27- 44:4

The Lord said to Ezekiel: 'When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.'

The Gospel Reading – Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Brian West, Esmé von Habsburg, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire, Heather

The recently departed: Nigel Pett, Betty Virgo.

Anniversaries of death this week: Alex Goggins (27th); Peggy Cray (29th); Lillian Roper (30th); Betty Hoare (31st); Rudi De Souza (31st); Dudley Tee (31st); Ivy Hunt (1st)

Post-communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40 Related readings – Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-end.



Urgently needed this week: Washing tablets, tinned potatoes, carbonara sauce, men's deodorants, women's deodorants, shaving foam, curry sauce. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

Church Open Evening

On Wednesday 30th January from 1830-2030 we will be hosting an Open Evening in church for all members of the parish/village. We hope that people will come to hear a little about the history and life of the building, and some of our aspirations for the future, as well as to give them an opportunity to tell us what they would like the church to be for the community into the future. It would be good if members of the congregation could be here to welcome those who might not normally come into the building. Wine/juice and nibbles will be served. Do spread the word!

Christingle Craft morning

The Christmas/ Epiphany season is drawing to a close but not before we can have some fun making Christingles. Join us in church on **Saturday 2nd February anytime between 1030-1230** to learn about the Christingle and make your own in preparation for the Family Service on Sunday 3rd February at 1000. This a session for all of our young people and the young at heart so do pop in to see what fun we are getting up to, all materials will be provided.

Sing along 'Mamma Mia!'

Tickets for our film night in church on Friday 1st February at 1830 are now available in church after services or from Café Dean on Marine Drive. Adults £10, under 16s £5. Come dressed in your best 70s gear!

The Journeys of Captain Silver Crow- Dirty Footprints Theatre

Saturday 23rd February 1930 (not suitable for under 14s)

Synopsis - When Captain Silver Crow's ship, the Mary Ellen, is conjured up to a mysterious island, there is only one way for the crew to regain freedom: storytelling. Three stories must be told, and they have to be 'most unbelievable, most unimaginable, yet unequivocally true'. It is a matter of life and death. A wise crow once said that 'a soul who doesn't like listening to stories is a wasted soul'. However, can one listen to one story too many?

What are people saying about the show?

'The adventures of a cunning seaman told as a series of short stories and shanties punctuated by flute and melodeon, of how they needed to avoid a nasty end by the hand of a petulant prince, is charming, witty and entertaining. A wonderful twist to finish'. John & Nicky

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of January by Fidelma Romer-Ormiston in memory of Michael RIP. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 1st February – Film Night in Church at 1830 – Sing-along Mamma Mia!

Tickets £10, now available after services or from Café Dean on Marine Drive

Saturday 23rd February at 1930 – Theatrical Storytelling by Dirty Footprints Theatre

The Journeys of Captain Silver Crow (not suitable for under 14s)

Friday 1st March 1900- Beetle Drive and Fish & Chip Supper in St Margaret's Cottage

£10pp, payable to Maureen Blakey or on the night, sign up now at the back of church.

Saturday 25th May – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea (N.B. change from original date)

Saturday 13th July at 1900 – ‘The New Men’

The Academical Clerks of New College, Oxford

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st July – St Margaret's Day celebrations

Saturday 27th July – Piano Recital by Dan Phelps

Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st September – The Great Harvest Village Show

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th EPIPHANY 4	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 28th St Thomas Aquinas	0830	Morning Prayer
	1800	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 29th	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 30th Charles King and Martyr	0830	Morning Prayer
	(1000	School worship in school)
	1800	Evening Prayer
	1830	Open Evening (until 2030)
Thursday 31st	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1800	Evening Prayer
Friday 1st February	<i>No public services today</i>	
	1830	'Mamma Mia' in church
Saturday 2nd	1000	Morning Prayer
	1030	Christingle Crafts in church (until 1230)
	1700	Evening Prayer
Sunday 3rd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Family Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer