

A Prayer for Epiphany

The heavens are shining with the clear beauty of the stars, O Lord, and the very earth is made beautiful by a shining light,

because you appeared to the world from your holy dwelling place.

Remove from our hearts all sadness, for you came for this, to make all things new.

Enlighten our eyes to purify us that we may behold you forever, that we who preach to the nations the glad joys of your appearing may be made glad with you in infinite joy.

Amen.

Source: Attributed to the Mozarabic Breviary

Prayerline

Why not come along to our evening prayer group called Prayerline.

It is meeting this Thursday 13th January, 7-8pm, in the church.

Enjoy time to be quiet and listen to God. This month's theme is listening to God for vision for the year ahead.

Let us Pray

Look out for a new *monthly* Let us Pray prayer card being launched at the end of this month.

Caring for the Environment

The Church of England regularly runs online seminars and produces materials to support Christians to live out their faith by caring for the environment.

The whole programme of net zero carbon webinar dates and topics, plus videos of past topics can be found on the Church of England Website <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/>

A series of three Eco Church webinars is available to all who are particularly interested in Eco Church. More about this in next week's notices.

St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington

Notices for 9th January 2022

January 2022

Sunday 9 th Jan	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th Jan	11am Family Communion
Sunday 23 rd Jan	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th Jan	11am Celtic Praise with Communion

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th January

2pm Mission and Ministry meeting in the Church Room

Tuesday 11th January

2pm Book Group meets in the Church Room

7pm Fabric Committee on Zoom

Wednesday 12th January

2pm Ladies' Group meets in the Church Room

Thursday 13th January

10am Cornerstone – contact Maria for details

7pm Prayerline meets in church

Saturday 15th January

2pm – 6pm – PCC planning day in the Church Community Hall

Saturday 22nd January

7pm Light-hearted quiz in the Church Community Hall

Saturday 29th January

2pm Wedding of Mark Chester and Hayley Flinn

BEING A LOCAL MISSION CHURCH

Make it a New Year's resolution to read the Bible more often and share some of the readings with people you know, for example, the reading for Monday 10th January at Morning Prayer is from Genesis 1: 1-19 which explains God's creation of the world so why not buy some seeds ready for planting that you can give away in the spring?

Morning Prayer

This is a great way to start the day. Contact Maria for the weekly link. It starts at 9.00am on Zoom – either on computer or by telephone.

Covid Restrictions

At present, there are no new regulations from the Church of England regarding Covid but this is a daily moveable event. We will keep you posted if there is any reason to change our pattern of worship. Please continue to wear masks, sanitise your hands and help to keep one another safe. Please make sure Maria has your up-to-date contact details in case we should need to reach you.

Christmas Trail

The Follow the Star Trail had many families visiting it - over 84 chocolate angels were found and given new homes as well as leaflets explaining the real meaning of Christmas. Thank-you to everyone who hosted a star or advertising board and thank-you to those who organised the trail.

Our next trail will be at Easter – if you live along St Edmunds Road / Ickworth Road / Victoria Avenue / Hervey Road / Ancaster Drive / Grantham Road / London Road or any of the little streets off them and you are willing to have a clue / sign in your front garden, please let Sally-Anne Caunter know:

sa.caunter@btinternet.com

Thank-you from Jean Hurst's family

Following Jean Hurst's funeral on Wednesday 29th January, Jean's family has expressed their thanks for the care, support and prayers that you have all offered for Jean and for them. They have provided biscuits for our coffee after the service on Sunday 9th January to be shared with thanks and in Jean's memory.

Queen's New Year's Honour for Community Larder Organiser

Congratulations from St Botolph's Church to Rod Munro, Community Impact Team Leader at Sleaford New Life Church who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to vulnerable people. Rod Munro organises the Sleaford Larder. Fantastic efforts were made to support the Larder over Christmas; please remember they need your help all year round.

Book Group

The next meeting is on 11th January at 2.00pm in the Church Room. We are reading The Ashes of London by Andrew Taylor. Please talk to Jennifer for more details.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu – a tribute by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

Archbishop Justine Welby described Archbishop Tutu as “a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world.” He said: “The world is different because of this man.

“Archbishop Tutu was a prophet and priest, a man of words and action, one who embodied the hope and joy that were the foundations of his life. “He was a man of extraordinary personal courage and bravery: when the police burst into Cape Town Cathedral, he defied them by dancing down the aisle. “He was a man of enormous vision: seeing the possibilities for building the Rainbow Nation long before anyone else, except perhaps President Mandela. “His vision and bravery were allied with a canny political sense and wisdom, enabling him to be a healer and apostle of peace while so many still saw wounds and war.”
Read the full tribute here:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/archbishop-canterbury-pays-tribute-archbishop-desmond-tutu>



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