

Epiphany 2

Sunday January 14th 2024

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him
crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him

Prayer for the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading 1 Samuel 3.1-10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord.*

Gospel Reading

John 1.43-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Hymn

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank, the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light, descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish,
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord most high!**

Post-Communion Prayer

**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. Amen

Hymn

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

This week:

Tues	10 – 12	Coffee Stop in church
	2 – 4pm	<i>GA Choir rehearsals</i>
Wed	9.30-11am	ABC2 parents/carers & tots in the hall
	11am	Eucharist a quiet said service
Thurs	10 – 11am	Keep Fit in the church hall
	2 – 4pm	Snack & Chat in the community room
Sun	10am	Parish Eucharist (Epiphany 3)

For our prayers

Prayers for the Parish:

St Thomas Street; Chantry Close; Woodview; Lorne Place;
Tor Street; Tor Furlong; Teulon Court

Prayers for our link churches in Zambia

Please pray for St Augustine's Church & St Monica's Church,
Livingstone East and their priest Rev Ackson Kampala

Prayers for those who are ill:

Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert; Helen; Eva & family; Jenny & Geoff;
Alethea; Isaac; Molly Marshall; Sheila Stocker; Dorothy Dennis

R.I.P. Jean Cottrell; Eric Holmes

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

John Gibbons	(14-01-1953)
Richard Legg	(17-01-2023)
John Shillingford	(18-01-2017)
Michael Geldard	(19-01-2016)
Lena Marsh	(20-01-2016)

*Thursdays at 11am - Pause to Pray for our legacy and for the
redevelopment project.*

Livingstone East, Zambia

Fr Ackson Kampala has written to say that they are very grateful for our prayers and that at the moment they are trying to raise enough funds to buy a car for the parish. They have raised a fair sum already but they would appreciate our prayers for this project.

The parish is very large and transport is not easy. When Jan James and I visited in 2019 the priest borrowed a car to show us round.

Chris Jenkins

The funeral service for Jean Cottrell will be held in St Thomas's church at 11.00am on Friday 2nd February. The family invite all of Jean's friends in the congregation to come along to the service and request that you either wear pink/purple or that you have an item that colour with you such as scarf, gloves, handbag. Jean's daughter Elaine said this was her mum's favourite colour!

Crafty Church - Saturday February 3rd 10.30 - 12.00.

Crafts and worship followed by refreshments. Our theme for the morning will be Candlemas and Families. If you would like to find out more, or feel you can help in any way, please speak to Judy or the Office. There will also be a list of activities and a sign up sheet at the back of church on Sunday 21st January.

Safeguarding Training with Coffee and Cakes

Mon 29th January 10am -12.30pm or

Thurs 1st February 10.15am – 12.45 pm

As mentioned before Christmas, Joanna and Mike have arranged 2 sessions for as many people as possible to attend the Basic Awareness Training in the Church. It is for everyone involved in helping at Crafty Church, ABC2, Coffee Stop, for all who welcome, and PCC members, if they haven't already attended a course in the last 2 years. Anyone in the congregation who is not part of a team would be warmly encouraged to come so that we all understand just how Safeguarding is part of our Christian pastoral care for each other.

Please sign up for 1 of the sessions on the list at the back of church.

The Children's Society - I should be grateful if those of you who have Children's Society collection boxes at home could please return them to Caroline in the Church Office by 31 January. I can then pay the money to the Children's Society and let you each know how much you collected. Thank you. *Celia Kennett.*

Recycling you candles

You can bring any used candles to put in our candle recycling box at the back of church. They will then go to the **Recycled Candle Company**.

We sent 12 kg a few weeks ago. It avoids land waste and the company gives back to charity.

Wells Community Day Event on Saturday 20th January

Wells Cathedral from 10am to 4pm

More than 70 stalls and a huge range of musical entertainment will be on offer. Free performances, workshops, music and activities to take part in all day long.

Taizé Service

Songs, Prayers, Mindfulness & Silence



St Thomas Church, St Thomas Street, Wells

6.30pm - Sunday January 21st

ALL WELCOME

Trio Paradis Café Concert

Iberia

Monday 5th February at 11am

in St Thomas church (café is open 10.30am)

Trio Paradis café concerts are informal feel-good music events with a pop-up café where you can meet friends and make new ones over tea/coffee and home-made cakes.



Iberia is a collection of music by mostly Spanish composers to bring us some sunshine during February, including Turina's Circulo and works by de Falla, Fernandez-Arbos, Albeniz, Pauline Viardot and others.

The concert last about 45mins and entrance is free with pay-what-you-feel donation invited.

Refreshments available in the café half an hour before the concert.

No need to book, just turn up.