

Sunday 16th January | Second Sunday of Epiphany (White)

TOGETHER @

The Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly

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. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

(Isaiah 62.1-5)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verses from Psalm 36

R: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R.**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They will be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
They shall drink from the river of your delights. **R.**

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R.**

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

(John 2.1-11)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

This Week

TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY

- 1.45pm Funeral at St. Martin's: *Linda Wallace + RIP*
3.30pm Aber Valley prayer meeting at Beulah
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WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY

- 12-2pm Community Café at St. Catherine's hall
7pm Eucharist at St. Andrew's
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THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY

- 6pm Wedding couples' evening at St. Martin's

Next Sunday: 23rd January

- 9am Sunday service on Zoom
10.30am Eucharist at St. Martin's
11am Eucharist at St. Andrew's
6pm 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' service on Zoom

Notices

ABER VALLEY PRAYER MEETING – don't miss the next churches together meeting to share news and prayers for the Aber Valley. This Tuesday (18th) at 3.30pm at Beulah (Abertridwr Community Church).

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – as local infection rates have reduced significantly we are pleased to be restarting our Wednesday Community Café from this Wednesday (19th) at 12 noon in St. Catherine's hall. So why not drop by for soup lunch, cakes, refreshments and fellowship?

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST – please note that our mid-week Eucharist services will be returning to Wednesday evenings, starting this Wednesday 19th January at St. Andrew's. These will continue to alternate between St. Andrew's and St. Catherine's at 7pm.

Further Notices

OPEN DOORS PRAYER WEBINAR – Open Doors are holding an online prayer webinar this Wednesday (19th) at 8.15pm. This will include updates from the parliamentary launch as well as the release of their new world watch list for 2022. To find out more or to register to join the event, go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18TH – 25TH JANUARY) – we will be holding an Ecumenical service for the Churches together in Caerphilly on Sunday 23rd January at 6pm on Zoom. Please see the 'Digital services' page of our website, under the "Faith" menu for login details or contact us for information. Why not also explore the Churches Together in Britain & Ireland's website for day by day resources to help you celebrate from home: <https://ctbi.org.uk>

MUDDY CHURCH – don't miss our next monthly children's service on Sunday 30th January at 3pm in St. Martin's grounds. For young families and children to connect with faith through nature. All are welcome, but please come dressed for the weather as this month we celebrate Candlemas.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – our website acts as a hub of information not only to us, but to the wider community. We are therefore looking to start a new team to grow our ministry in this area. Whether you have ideas to include, can review or write content, or are interested in the web design, there is a role for you. We are holding a first meeting for expressions of interest on Tuesday 1st February at 7pm on Zoom. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Nerys Beckett (tel. 07469 952266, email: impact.eandc@gmail.com)

Please book to attend any of our physical services.

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