

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'

Welcome to our Service this morning. Please find below the Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined.

The songs for this morning's All-age Service can be found on the separate Order and on the overhead screen.

Sunday 18th January	10.00am 3.00pm	All-age Worship Confirmation Service at St. James's, Spilsby
Wednesday 21st January	9.30am 2.15pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Mothers' Union AGM Wolds & Coast Churches' Festival planning meeting
Thursday 22nd January	2.30pm 7.30pm	Bible Society meeting Thimbleby Village Church Council meeting
Saturday 24th January	10.00am 10.00 - 4.00pm	Coffee in Church 'Bible Society Readathon'

CONFIRMATION

We look forward to the Confirmation Service at St. James' Church, Spilsby this afternoon, Sunday, 18th January, at 3.00pm. Please pray for Sue Johnson and Paul Coulter from our Group of Churches who are being Confirmed. All are welcome to join them for the service.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our Mothers' Union group are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st January at 2.15pm. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, and refreshments will be provided.

'BIBLE READATHON'

The Bible Society Committee, which draws members from across the different Churches in the town, is organizing a 'Bible Readathon' on Saturday, 24th January from 10.00am till 4.00pm. If you would like to read, please see Jane Luker, Pam Crisp Beard, the Rev. Charles or Debbie in the Parish Office. Please tell others about this event and the opportunity to listen to whole sections of the Bible read at one time. The Readathon ties in to the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', which runs from the 18th to the 25th January, and is an illustration of the Churches in the town working together as one.

FIRST AID COURSE

A First Aid Course is being offered free of charge at West Ashby Village Hall on Wednesday, 28th January from 9.30am - 12.30pm. If you would like to do the training, please see Debbie in the Office.

MISSION GIVING

Our Mission Committee are meeting on Tuesday, 3rd February. One thing that they will be considering is the half-yearly giving from St. Mary's to different charities. If you have any suggestions of good causes that you would like to see us supporting in this way, please have a word with Helen Marshall or another member of the team.

ELECTORAL ROLL

You may like to be on the Church Electoral Roll. The roll is a useful way of assessing Church membership and it also gives those who are on it voting rights on the various synods of the Church. If you would like to be on the roll, please take a form from the back of church and fill in your details. The forms can then be given to Pam Crisp Beard, our Church Electoral Roll Officer, or to Debbie in the Church Office. Thank you.

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.

Isaiah 49, 1 - 7 p. 705

1 Corinthians 1, 1 - 9 p. 177

John 1, 29 - 42 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Sunday 25th January	10.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas
Monday 26th January	10.30pm	Standing Committee meet
Wednesday 28th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	First Aid Course, W. Ashby
	2.30pm	South Wolds Partnership Rota meeting
Thursday 29th January	11.00am	Funeral for Tina Hassall
	11.00am	Safeguarding meeting
	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council meeting for the Group
Saturday 31st January	10.00am	Coffee in Church

HORNCASTLE MATTERS' AGM

This year's annual meeting for the 'Horncastle Matters' magazine will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, 5th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to receive the annual report and finances.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 18th January: please pray for the residents and businesses of Tennyson Gardens and the village of Tetford

You may like to have your birthday remembered by the rest of the Church family? If so, please contact Neil and Shelagh Carter by E-mail or through the Parish Office. Please note that Neil and Shelagh have a new E-mail address, which is: Neil637carter@btinternet.com

At our Communion services, if you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Stewards or Clergy know before the service starts.

Please note, if you wish to leave a gift by Bank Card, you can use the 'Goodbox' near the entrance. Also, to give via your 'phone, you can use the QR code on the cards in the pews. Thank you.

*Please look at our website for further details on these notes:
www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk*



Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.