

## **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

### **THE EPIPHANY**

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

Hymns	627	You are the King if Glory	S of F
	544	There is a Redeemer	
	316	Just as I am	
	362	Shine Jesus Shine	
Sunday 4th January	10.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Thimbleby	
Monday 5th January	11.00am	Deanery Standing Committee meeting	
Tuesday 6th January	2.30pm	'CHAT' Churches' Together in Horncastle meeting	
Wednesday 7th January	9.30am	Holy Communion	
		<i>N.B. No Coffee + today</i>	
Thursday 8th January	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion	
	4.00pm	'Cornerstone' Finance Committee meeting	
Saturday 10th January	10.00am	Coffee in Church	

### **NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

On behalf of the Clergy, Churchwardens, and our families, we wish you a blessed and peaceful New Year.

### **MID-WEEK COMMUNIONS**

Please note that the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service for January will be held this Thursday, 8th January.

### **PASTORAL TEAS QUIZ**

We are all invited to join the Pastoral Teas 'Christmas Party' on Sunday, 11th January from 2.00 - 3.30pm. Please let Helen Marshall or Fiona Martin know if you would like to join. There will be opportunity for 'chat, refreshments and a light hearted quiz'.

### **CONFIRMATION**

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

### **BIBLE SOCIETY**

The Bible Society Committee are organizing a 'Bible Readathon' on Saturday, 24th January from 10.00am until 4.00pm. If you would like to read at this event, please see Jane Luker, Pam, the Rev. Charles or Debbie in the Parish Office. Please tell others about the Readathon and the opportunity to listen to whole sections of the Bible read at one time.

## **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

### **The First Sunday of Epiphany**

Sunday 11th January	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Youth Alpha
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas 'Christmas Party' - see below
Monday 12th January	11.00am	'Manor House Road School Trust' meeting
Tuesday 13th January	2.00pm	Funeral of Jacqueline Dobbs at Alford Crematorium
	7.00pm	Children & Youth Group Leaders' meeting on Zoom
Wednesday 14th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 17th January	9.00am	'Prayer Breakfast' - at Costa Coffee
	10.00am	Coffee in Church

### **PRAYER FOR THE TOWN**

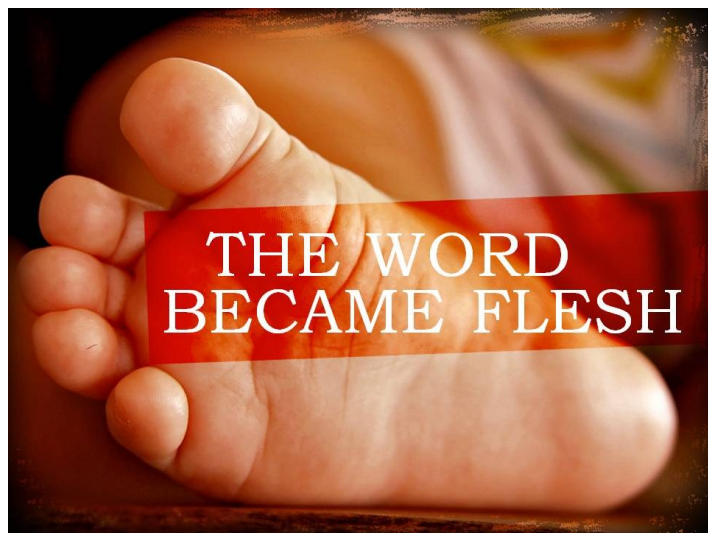
Week beginning the 4th January: please pray for the residents and businesses of Steve Newton Avenue and Stonewell Row

*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](mailto: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](http://www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk)*



**Collect:** Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love; help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Jeremiah 31, 7 - 14 p. 761**

**Ephesians 1, 3 - 14 p. 205**

**John 1, [1 - 9] 10 - 18** [In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*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.*