

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

Hymns	150	Hail to the Lord's anointed	S of F
	935	My Jesus, my Saviour	
	42	Be thou my vision	
	425	O Lord my God	
Sunday 1st February		10.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Holy Communion service at Thimbleby
Tuesday 3rd February		7.30pm	Missions' Committee meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 4th February		9.30am	Holy Communion
		2.30pm	South Wolds Partnership meeting at Manor House
Thursday 5th February		10.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Horncastle Matters' Magazine AGM
Saturday 7th February		10.00am	Coffee in Church

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Several members of the congregation collect money for the work of the Children's Society in the small plastic boxes. These will be dedicated at the service this morning, Sunday, 1st February, and the monies sent to the Society. If you still have a box at home, these can be left in the office during the next few days. Thank you.

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.

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.

BISHOP OF GRIMSBY

The Consecration of the new Bishop of Grimsby, The Ven Jean Burgess, will take place at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 6th February at 11.00am. There is an open invitation to attend the service. The Cathedral are using Eventbrite to manage attendance so, if you are interested in going to the service, please have a word with Debbie in the Office, who can provide you with the necessary link. In the meanwhile, we pray for Jean as she prepares to start her new ministry among us.

LENT COURSE

We will be holding a course, with the other Churches in the town, through the season of Lent. This year we are using material provided by the Diocese of Lincoln entitled 'Set our Hearts on Fire'. The course will be held at 10.30am on five consecutive Wednesday mornings, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 18th February. The sessions will be held in St. Mary's, following on from the regular midweek Communion service. All are warmly invited to join for what promises to be a very enriching course.

'REJOICE'

We look forward to another 'Rejoice' service on Sunday, 1st March at 6.00pm. The service includes lively worship, a topical sketch and opportunity for open prayer. The service attracts people from the other Churches across the town, and all are very welcome to join.

Collect: God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the heart of all your people and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

1 Kings 17, 8 - 16 **p. 347**

1 Corinthians 1, 18 - end **p. 177**

John 2, 1 - 11 On the third day 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sunday 8th February	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Youth Alpha
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas
Monday 9th February	2.30pm	Cornerstone Finance meeting
Tuesday 10th February	1.30pm	Pastoral Committee meeting
Wednesday 11th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 12th February	11.00am	Funeral for May Walker
	7.30pm	TCC meeting
Saturday 14th February	10.00am	Coffee in Church

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 Debbie in the Church Office. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 1st February: please pray for the residents and businesses of The Gardens and The Ropewalk

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Scholey - Thursday, 5th February
John Barrs - Friday, 6th February

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.