North Cheltenham Team Ministry

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Team Vicar
Revd George Davis

Sun 23 Jan 2022:
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

First Reading **Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10**

1 all the people gathered together into the square
before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to
bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord
had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra
brought the law before the assembly, both men and
women and all who could hear with understanding.
This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He
read from it facing the square before the Water
Gate from early morning until midday, in the
presence of the men and the women and those who
could understand; and the ears of all the people
were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra
opened the book in the sight of all the people, for
he was standing above all the people; and when he
opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra
blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people
answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands.
Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the
Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read
from the book, from the law of God, with
interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the

All Saints (AS) ◦ St Mary's (SM) ◦ St Nicolas (SN) ◦
St Lawrence (SL) ◦ St Mary Magdalene (SMM)
Capel Court (CC)

Services next week

30th January 2022

CANDLEMAS

0800	Mass	**AS**
0800	Eucharist	**SM**
0900	Breakfast Celebrate! - **Prestbury Hall**	
0915	Holy Communion	**SL**
0930	Sung Eucharist -	**SN**
1030	Sung Mass— **streamed live**	**AS**
1045	Holy Communion	**SMM**
1100	Sung Eucharist	**SM**
1330	Baptism	**SM**
1415	Baptism	**SM**
1900	Team Candlemas service	**SN**

No other evening services across the Team

THIS SUNDAY'S EVENING READINGS

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Evening Prayer

Numbers 9: 15-end

1 Corinthians 7: 17-24

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

30th Jan 2022

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Eucharist

Malachi 3: 1-5

Hebrews 2: 14-end

Luke 2: 22-40

Evening Prayer

Haggai 2: 1-9

John 2: 18-22

people understood the reading.
9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.
10 Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19.1-6

Refrain: The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
2 One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
3 They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,
4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.
5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear

were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? [18] But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. [19] If all were a single member, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many members, yet one body. [21] The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' [22] On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; [24] whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, [25] that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. [26] If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.
[27] Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. [28] And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? [30] Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? [31] But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way

Alleluia, alleluia
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. **Alleluia**

Gospel Luke 4.14–21
[14] Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. [15] He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.
[16] When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, [17] and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
[18] 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
[19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
[20] And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. [21] Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Our Prayers are asked for:

Those who have died recently in the Benefice:
Brenda Prosser (Swindon Village), Marlene Crook (Elmstone Hardwicke), June Cooke (Prestbury), Lawrence Ward (Prestbury), Jean Ottewell (Prestbury), Dr James Adams (Prestbury), Leslie Pockett (Prestbury) .**and those who mourn their deaths. In addition:** Margaret Street

Those to be prayed for in the Benefice: William and his family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Zoe and family

In addition, those at St Mary's: Roger and Gill, Mary, Keith and Lorna, Lucy and boys, Margaret, Stephen, Gerald, Lorraine, Pamela, Sue, Val, Alexandra, Wendy, Kevin and family, John, Roy, Marion, William, Alan, Jessica, Lydia and Spencer, David, Kate, Andy and Amy, Joshua and Jon, Jess, Julia and family, Colin and his children, Jean, Mikey, Peter, Revd Chris, Diana. Eileen, Jeanne, Kai and his family, Richard, Mai, Sarah, Andy, Linda, Paul, John, Kathryn and Mark, Vera and Brian, Dave and family, Lilian, Jake, Debbie, Linda, Jackie, Janet, Tom & family, Rita, Shelley, Jo, Lawrence, David, Liz, Christopher, Margaret, Nick, Charlotte, Phoenix, Patricia

In addition those at St Nicolas: Martyn, Di (Granny Owl), Father Howard, April, Emma and Alec, Andy, Pastor Darvin, Joan

Those whose anniversary of death is today:
William Larkin, Jessie Wood, Evelyn Golay

Those whose anniversary of death is this week:

24th Dorothy Smith, Pamela Ashley

25th Betty Johns, Ronald Wynn-Griffith, Anne Regan, Sheila Morgan, William Holyoake, William PHILIP Davis

26th William Kendrick, Pamela Atkinson, Jim Mackie

27th Cecil Dymock, Mary Pearce, Susannah Bolton, Henry Pringle, Brian Warburton, Nancy Weston, Anne Thompson, Eric James, Betty Hartley, Elinor Elphick, Myrtle 'Babs' Herbecq, Leslie Purcell

28th Edith Wilcox, Lilly McKelvey, Iris Everard, Leslie Newman, Pat Pearson, Doreen Kreye

29th Stuart Jones, Isabel Phillips, Eva Adams, Kathleen Bridge, Nora Drinkwater, Betty Cross, Olivia SYBIL Davies

In addition, those at All Saints: : Sandra and her daughter, Josephine, Mark, Nicola, June, Sasha, Shari, Baby George and his family, John, Elsie, Anne, Kath, Dot, Mick, Michael and Caroline , Reg, Carmen, Byron and family, Amanda

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Evelyn Golay

Those whose anniversary of death is this week:
25th Helene Rebish
26th Betty Batt
27th Hugh Martell, Ted Crabtree, Edgar Howard, Frank Bell
28th Enid Barraclough, Thelma Webb
29th Lionel Brown, Steward Blizard, Trixie Taylor

In addition, those at St Lawrence: Rose, Jackie, Mala, Rose, John, Glenis, William, Isabella, Sofia, Kathryn and Judy, Ann, Hazel, Leocadia, Claire

In addition, those at St Mary Magdalene: Lyubov, Harold, Nerys, Soo and Ray, Kathleen, Sally, Michelle, Hilary, Lilian, Peter

We pray for our families, friends and neighbours; in our cycle of prayer, we remember for all those who live in Stanwick Crescent, Stanwick Drive and Stanwick Gardens (St Lawrence and St Peter's) and Hayden Lane (Elmstone Hardwicke with Uckington)

Those to be baptised in the Benefice:
Beatrice Reeve-McKew on Sunday 23rd January at 1330 at St Mary's
Harry Sills on Sunday 23rd January at 1415 at St Mary's
Rex Capindale on Sunday 30th January at 1330 at St Mary's
Finley Jones on Sunday 30th January at 1415 at St Mary's

If you or someone else would like to be added to the prayer list for a period of three months, speak to a member of clergy or a church warden, or contact Kate directly on **admin@northchelt.org.uk** or **01242 244373**.

* TEAM NOTICES *

WHAT IS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY?

Holocaust Memorial Day or International Holocaust Remembrance Day takes place to encourage the remembrance of victims of genocide across the world. Holocaust Memorial Day is the international day to remember over six million Jewish people who were killed during the Holocaust, as well as millions of other people who were persecuted by Nazi Germany during the Second World War.

Additionally, the day is an opportunity to remember people who were impacted by genocide in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

From 2005, Holocaust Memorial Day has been observed each year on January 27th. This is the same day that the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated in 1945.

There is a Eucharist Service commemorating this day at St Mary's Church at 7.00 pm on Thursday 27th January to which all are invited.

Thanks, Fr Nick

TEAM CANDLEMAS SERVICE SUNDAY 30th JANUARY at 7.00 pm at St Nicolas

You are warmly invited to our Team Candlemas on the 30th of January hosted by St. Nicolas Church at 7pm. We join together for this reflective service as we mark the moving from celebrating the incarnation of God towards Christ's supreme work of grace.

Our service will include prayer, Taize music, and scripture. We will be remembering and celebrating the past year and we will also be looking forward with hope to the future!

Let others know what you have been doing. Email your pictures to **news@northchelt.org.uk**

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2022: 18 - 25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

NCTM is marking the week beginning on Tuesday 18th January and ending on Tuesday 25th January with:

A daily online Prayer Service at 8.00 pm (see page 11 for how to take part)

On **Thursday 20th Jan at 3.30 pm:** A Service of Adoration, Intercession, and Benediction at All Saints.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (LLF)

Cheltenham Deanery are running the Living in Love and Faith course hosted by the North Cheltenham Team Ministry.

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

The LLF Course is a great opportunity to explore these subjects in a safe and encouraging environment.

We are offering this 5 week course starting from Feb 9th. There are 2 options for the time of the course: 10am - 12 noon or 19:30-21:30. You can also choose to join in physically or virtually. Perhaps you want to gather with friends in your own church, or make new friends by coming to St Nicolas church Cheltenham, the choice is yours.

If you would like to find out more and book online then please check out www.northchelt.org.uk/LLF or contact Revd Tom on 07539 551 398

You can also find out more by watching this YouTube introduction video from the Church of England.

* ST NICOLAS * * ST MARYS *

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE AT ST NICOLAS
From now onwards we will be gathering for tea/coffee after the 10.00 am service.
Please come along and join us.

BREAKFAST CELEBRATE! Breakfast Celebrate': an informal family service, with puppets and modern songs. Breakfast and social chat from 9.00am - please bring your own hot and cold drinks - with a half hour service at 9.30am. A chance to get to know local families and relax! This is held in the **Parish Hall on Bouncers Lane** (directly opposite St Mary's School).. Would love to know if you plan to come - please email matt.allison@northchelt.org.uk Hope to see you there!

Everyone's welcome to the
FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
At St Mary's Church Prestbury
On **Thursday 10th February at 6:30pm**
When drinks and nibbles will be served
Following (Brief!) AGM Business, please join us for a fascinating talk from **'Behind the Hedgerows' of Hidcote Manor Garden by Head Gardener Lottie Allen**

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S - SLIMBRIDGE AND ITS BIRDS
Why Wetlands Matter for Wildlife and People

Wednesday March 9th 6.30pm
Royal Oak, The Burgage, Prestbury
£15 Ticket includes Bar Meal and Jackie Harris WWT Talk 7.00pm
Contact: David Lyle 01242 570453
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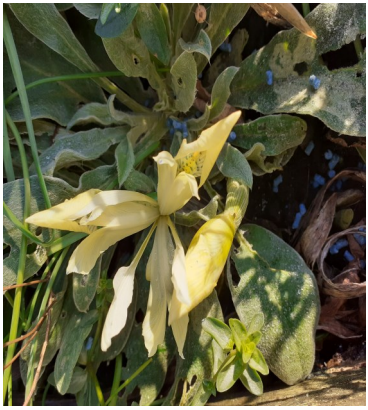
***Iris* 'Katharine Hodgkin' Gold** springing triumphant from the frozen soil 16th Jan in our garden—Michael Dray



*** ST LAWRENCE ***

The Swindon Village news magazine, Village News, is back in production and is available on the Parish Council's website - www.swindonparish.org.uk

Revd Tom with Toby and his parents Glyn and Cassie following Toby's baptism at St Lawrence last Sunday

DATES FOR DIARIES—

Saturday 5th February 2022—Marriage Preparation Day held at St Nicolas Church —a time for all those who are getting married in our Team to get together, meet the clergy and cover a variety of topics including practical arrangements, preparation for the 'big day' and also some time to consider 'what marriage means'.

Wednesday 9th February 2022—Candlelit Celtic Communion at St Mary Magdalene at 7.00 pm

Thursday 10th February 2022 Friend's of St Mary's AGM at St Mary's—see main notice for details at 6.30 pm.

Sunday 13th February 2022
Wedding Show at the Racecourse 11.00 am—4.00 pm

St Valentine will be celebrated across the Team with all wedding couples from the last five years and future wedding couples being invited to these services.

A beautiful sky during sunrise one morning last week. Kate

A flower at St Nicolas covered in frost.—spotted when I arrived for work one morning

Kate

PHOTOS ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE NEWS SHEET.

We are rotating photographs of members of the North Cheltenham Team on the first page of the sheet each week so you will gradually have seen all of us.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

MONDAY 24th JANUARY ***Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622***

0900-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Mary's*
1200 Funeral of **Marlene Crook** *St Mary Magdalene*
2000 Online Prayer for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

TUESDAY 25th JANUARY ***Conversion of Paul***

0900-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Mary's*
1000 Eucharist *St Nicolas followed by coffee*
1030 Coffee Drop In *St Mary's*
1030 Chatterbox *St Lawrence*
2000 Online Prayer for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY ***Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul***

0900-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Mary's*
0945 Bible Study *320 Prestbury Road*
1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Lawrence*
1930 Musica Vera rehearsal *St Mary's*

THURSDAY 27th JANUARY

0900-1600 Church open for Private Prayer—*St Mary's*
1030 Eucharist *St Mary's*
1115 Said Mass *All Saints*
1900 Holocaust Memorial Day Eucharist Service *St Mary's*

FRIDAY 28th JANUARY ***Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274***

0900-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Mary's*
1000-1200 Coffee, Chat ++ *Prestbury URC*

SATURDAY 29th JANUARY

0900-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer *St Mary's*
1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer - *All Saints*

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