

Your Word of the Week

29th January 2023, 4th Sunday of Epiphany



Christ Church
Wheelock



St Matthews
Haslington

10.30 am	St Matthew's	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
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The Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' **4** And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' **5** His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' **6** Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. **9** 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 **10** 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.' **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 1:18 - end

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **26** Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: ^[a] not many of you were wise by human standards, ^[b] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, **29** so that no one ^[c] might boast in the presence of God. **30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in ^[d] the Lord.'

Collect for the day, prayers, and Old Testament Readings

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of
the earth
and your messengers to every
nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform
us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remember the sick in our prayers:

David Kerr, Hazel Looker, Melodi Kahya, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Colin Evans, Helen Birch, Margaret Cooper, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Ray Thorley, Margaret Lindop, Gwen Bickerton, John Finnemore, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob Holland, Rev Canon Bill Baker, Keith and Barbara Whittle, Marjorie Crook, Maureen Bloor, Janet Fallon, Roger Pearce, Anna Betts, Kathleen Knox, Martin Harper, Charles Howard-Smith, Freda Claridge, Linda Jones, Chris Hollis, Audrey Roberts, Walton Bowyer, Robert Leech, Angela Adams, Alma Garner, William Carlson, Mark Trigger, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Beryl Jobson.

We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Larry Sands, Michael Wing, James (Jim) White, Marion Adams, Janet Harding, Sheila Jones, Pamela Hempton and Marion Malam.

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

Old Testament Reading 1Kings 17:8-16 ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹ 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹² But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³ Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

Wednesday 9.45 am Hoy Communion, (Common Worship), in St Michael and All Angels church.

10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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