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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you – and what a very strange start to the New Year it has been.

We were all hoping, that with the advent of the vaccine, we might have been able to move down a tier and gain a little more freedom. Unfortunately, the new and more transmissible strain of the Coronavirus meant that we now find ourselves in a national lockdown. We have been here before but this time things are a little different. We do have two types of vaccine available, there is an end in sight, but we are all going to have to be patient and follow the lockdown rules until all of the most vulnerable in our community have been vaccinated.

As a consequence of the national lockdown, I and the Church Councils have taken the painful decision to temporarily suspend communal worship in our churches. It hasn't been an easy decision to take, especially coming so soon after the last lockdown but I really believe it is one of the ways that we can do our part to help reduce the transmission of this horrible virus. If we aren't gathering we can't spread the virus.

So, instead of gathering in church we will be gathering using the wonders of technology. Each week I will record a service of Holy Communion that you will be able to join in with at home. The full text of the service and a YouTube link will be included in the weekly e-bulletin. This lockdown I am also introducing a new Zoom Service of the Word at 5pm on Sunday afternoon. This service won't be a 're-run' of the Holy Communion service as we will be using the lectionary readings for evening prayer. With the wonder that is Zoom, there is an opportunity for different people to be involved in the service – either by reading or by leading the prayers – so if that is something you might be interested in, then please drop me an email and I can send you a reading or prayers.

Of course, not everyone is able to access the Internet and it is really important to be able to maintain communication with everyone. So, I am intending to write to those people who are on our electoral roll but not on the e-bulletin list to try to keep them up to date. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the postal list then just send me their address (after asking permission of course).

I am writing this on 12th night, the day that we traditionally take down our Christmas decorations. Some people keep like to keep their decorations or nativity scene up until we celebrate the feast of Candlemas (the presentation of Christ in the temple) on February 2nd. So, this year I think we ought to embrace that tradition by keeping our churches illuminated until Candlemas as a reminder to us all, that despite our current difficulties, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5).

I hope and pray that this lockdown and the rollout of the vaccine will be the beginning of the end of the pandemic and we will be able to meet again in church soon but in the meantime, if you would like to have a chat or need some help or support, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the team.

Take good care of yourselves.

Love and prayers

Ali

Ali Massey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Service of the Word

Time: Jan 10, 2021 05:00 PM London

Every week on Sun, until Feb 7, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Jan 10, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 17, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 24, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 31, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 7, 2021 05:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

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Here is the link to Sunday's Service on
YouTube ~

<https://youtu.be/oWZ3L-EWguE>

Readings and Prayers

for Sunday 10th January 2021 ~ The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)

Collects

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings

Genesis 1: vs 1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19: vs 1-7

Mark 1: vs 4-11



Reflections

You will find the following reflections attached to this bulletin ~

A Reflection from Revd Ali for the Second Sunday of Christmas

A Reflection from Revd Ali for the First Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of Christ

A Reflection from Michael Harris ~ The Place, the Person, The Word.

(Michael was due to be with us at Fillongley Church this Sunday but instead he has sent the text of his Sermon for us to enjoy)

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

Morning has broken (StF 136)

Here is a link to this beautiful worship song with some lovely pictures for you to enjoy as you sing along with Cat Stevens ~

[Morning Has Broken - Cat Stevens - with Lyrics - Bing video](#)

Crashing waters at creation (StF 376)

When Jesus came to Jordan. (StF 233)

God whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard (StF 106)

PRAYERS



We continue to pray for our world, our nation, our communities, our families and friends, and for ourselves.

A Prayer at Epiphany

After the star, the dim day.
After the gifts, the empty hands
And now we take our secret way back to far lands.

After the cave, the bleak plain.
After the joy, the weary ride.
But journey we, three new-made men, side by side.

Came we by old paths by the sands.
Go we by new ones this new day,
Homeward to rule our lives and lands by another way. *Author unknown*

Another way

I beg assistance, God of my journey,
To accept that all of life is only on loan to me,
To believe beyond this moment,
To accept your courage when mine fails,
To recognise the pilgrim in my heart,
To hold all of life in open hands.

Joyce Rupp, a pilgrim at Glendalough.

Be a smooth way before me,
Be a guiding star above me,
Be a keen eye behind me,
This day, this year, for ever. *Anon.*

The Baptism of Christ

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'

In that swift light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.

Malcolm Guite.

The Bible Course ~

Starting on Monday 11th January 2021, Revd Jane Braund will be running a second course of **The Bible Course** online, from 7.30 to 9 in the evening for 8 weeks.

Over eight sessions the Bible Course helps us see the big picture of the Bible Storyline. Presented by Dr Andrew Ollerton of the Bible Society, each session is very well presented, with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. There are tools and skills to help us read the Bible for ourselves and a booklet to accompany the course.



If you would like to join in then please let Revd Jane know (01676 533737 or jane.braund@methodist.org.uk) so that she can send you the Zoom details and a booklet that is needed for the course.

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship (BCDM)

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship is a modular course for lay people. It is designed for anyone who wants to explore their faith further with a group of others, and is designed to be flexible and suitable for anyone who is not an expert in Christian Faith.



Currently there are a number of BCDM modules available to book on to. There are a mix of daytime and evening modules available, so there should be something convenient for everyone. All of the modules are taking place via Zoom, so no travel or Covid risk is

involved. We're getting great feedback from attendees from the move to Zoom, and there is a really great sense of community as participants from across the Diocese get to interact with each other. We'd be grateful if you could pass this along to folks in your congregations, so they know these modules are available. Current modules topics include:

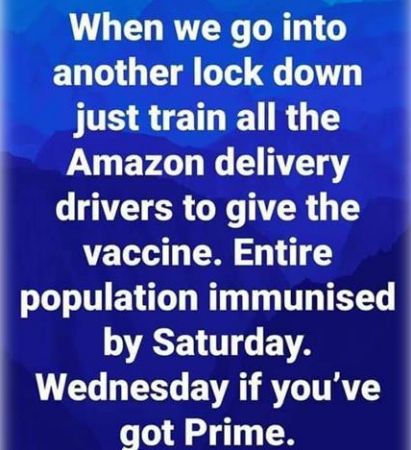
- Discovering and using Your Spiritual Gifts
- Jesus and the Gospels
- The Book of Revelation

You can find further details, including how to book here: <http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules>

RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion for the First Sunday of Epiphany
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali for the Second Sunday of Christmas
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali for the First Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of Christ
- ✚ Reflection from Michael Harris ~ The Place, the Person, The Word.
- ✚ Order of Service for Evening Prayer



When we go into another lock down just train all the Amazon delivery drivers to give the vaccine. Entire population immunised by Saturday. Wednesday if you've got Prime.

AND FINALLY DON'T FORGET

If there is anything that you need or know of someone who would appreciate being contacted or added to the mailing list for this weekly e-bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact Revd Ali, Revd Jane or any of the Churchwardens and Church Stewards listed below. ⁱ

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