

Sunday 18th January 2009 - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
Hymns: 36,378,31,355

10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
Hymns: HON 70, 94, 393, 235, 143
Anthem: View me, Lord - Lloyd
Junior Anthem: The Gentiles shall come - Greene

6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)
Introit: The Birds - Smallman
Hymns: A&M 78 363 326 31
Psalm: 96
Canticles: Wood in E flat
1st Reading: Isaiah 60.9-end
2nd Reading: Hebrews 6.17-7.10
Anthem: O Thou the Central Orb - Wood

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 25th: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9:15am Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
9:30am Holy Communion (St.Vincent, Newnham)
10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Stan Aldridge, Gill, Brian Wheeler,
Derrick Haig, Andy and Barbara Nye**

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

**Les Revels, Pauline McCormick, Aaron Hackett
and David Marshall**



David Marshall's Funeral Service
is on Wednesday 28th Jan at 1.00pm
at St. Mary's Ashwell. All Welcome.

Archbishop of Canterbury's statement on Gaza

Dr Rowan Williams, has made the following statement regarding the current situation in Gaza: "The spiralling violence in Gaza tragically illustrates the fact that the cycle of mutual threat and retaliation have no lasting effect except to reinforce the misery and insecurity of everyone in the region. I want to express my grief and sympathy for the innocent lives lost in this latest phase of violence. People of all faiths in this country will want to join their voices to the statements of the Christian Muslim Forum and the Council of Christians and Jews in urging a return to the ceasefire and efforts to secure a lasting peace. We must unite in urging all those who have the power to halt this spiral of violence to do so."

More at: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/2076>

Wolverley House Communion

This week Wed
11:00am



Christingle

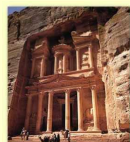
St Mary's Christingle
service is on the 1st Feb
10:45 - All Welcome



Richard Purchon's Memorial Service
is now on the 21st February at 2:30pm,
and not on the 7th as previously given.
All welcome to join and celebrate his life with us.

Jordan and Sinai - What did we do?

Simon will be giving a presentation of last year's Jordan and Sinai pilgrimage through photos taken by the group. 27th Jan 8:00pm St Mary's, with refreshments and wine, bring donation. All welcome.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Monday 19th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Tuesday 20th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:30am ChurchWardens Meet (Rectory)
3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)

Wednesday 21st

9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
11:00am Wolverley House Communion (Wolverley House)

Thursday 22nd

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
7:30pm W&EAG Meeting (Rectory)
8:00pm-9:00pm Bellringing Practice (St Mary's)

Friday 23rd

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)

Saturday 24th

9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)



Jesus answered Nathanael,
'Do you believe because I told you
that I saw you under the fig tree?
You will see greater things than these.'

John 1.43-51

The new Bishop of St Albans is to be
the Rt. Revd Dr Alan Smith, the current
Bishop of Shrewsbury

Watch him talk about it on You Tube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJjbi12BzNc>

Read about it at:
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/prstabp10.html>

Both links can be found on our home page:
<http://www.stmarysashwell.org.uk>



18 January, 2009 - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

1 Samuel 3.1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm

Psalm 139.1-9

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me¹ out and¹ known me;
♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you dis¹cern my¹ thoughts • from a¹ far.
- 2 You mark out my journeys¹ and my¹ resting place ♦
and are ac¹quainted • with¹ all my¹ ways.
- 3 For there is not a word¹ on my¹ tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, ¹know it¹ alto¹gether.
- 4 You encompass me be¹hind • and be¹fore ♦
and¹ lay your¹ hand up¹ on me.
- ‡5 Such knowledge is too¹ wonder • ful¹ for me, ♦
so high¹ that I¹ cannot at¹tain it.
- 6 Where can I go then¹ from your¹ spirit? ♦
Or where can I¹ flee¹ from your¹ presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven¹ you are¹ there; ♦
if I make the grave my bed¹ you are¹ there¹ also.
- 8 If I take the¹ wings • of the¹ morning ♦
and dwell in the¹ uttermost¹ parts • of the¹ sea,
- 9 Even there your¹ hand shall¹ lead me, ♦
your¹ right hand¹ hold me¹ fast.

Second Reading

Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel

John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**