

**St Andrew's Church**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021**

**Watford The Second Sunday of Christmas and Epiphany**

***Welcome!***

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

John 1:10,12



### ***Readings***

To review today's readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18, Matthew 2:1-12

To prepare for next week:

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**We are open and online**  
**Sundays 10am - 12 noon**

10:00 Private prayer

10:30 Service of the Word

10:55 Service of Holy Communion

11:20 Private prayer

12:00 Close

***Join us online or in person as you decide is best***

### ***In our prayers, let us remember:***

Colin, who has dementia but is in hospital following a stroke.

Peter Culverhouse (Elizabeth's nephew) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Sarah Sole, who has been told she has a number of conditions.

Newton House care home (Shireoaks, Nottinghamshire) where

Margaret Lewin's sister works, following a case of covid-19.

Lisa Rogers, who is in need of support and guidance.

Pam Hastings - undergoing ongoing treatment after her operation.

Maurice Saunders, now back home to convalesce following a stroke.

Laurie Ann Lewin, praying for her to regain strength.

Carlda's Dad, Algon (known as Tom) Lewin, with bone cancer.

Margaret Lewin's Mum, Grace Whiteman.

Care homes (our parish boasts many).

### ***The Vicar writes:***

It's not in a vicar's DNA to suggest to people that they think carefully about coming to church.

Someone said recently, "Coronavirus: the virus that keeps on giving!"

The virus has prompted many an epiphany moment in its short time with us. And now - pretty much right on cue because the feast of the Epiphany is on January 6<sup>th</sup> - it's radiance shines on the question, 'Why do we go to church?' - along with 'If I didn't go physically, what would I miss?', 'Why is being together in person so important?', and 'In what ways should we be Church?'

I have for a long time held that Church - the body of Christ - expresses Christ's incarnation and 'Emmanuel' - God is with us as flesh and blood. Ours is an incarnate faith. We are social beings.

God himself is a social being: he is Trinity.

For a ragbag of a few bits of DNA this virus asks plenty of questions.

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## ***Food Bank list***

The items we most need at the moment are:

Instant mashed potato	Long life fruit juice
Tinned tomatoes	Jars of pasta sauce
Long life milk	Tinned meat
Tinned fruit	Tinned rice pudding/custard
Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread	
Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)	
Little chocolate bars and sweet treats	
Packets of jelly or sponge puddings	

Please make sure they are unopened and within the use by date. The easiest way to get food to us is to pop it in one of the collection points at the local supermarkets in Watford. We currently have collection points in Asda, Sainsbury's and Tesco Extra. Alternatively, to drop food off at our warehouse call 01923 804435.

## ***Today's reading - Godly Play style***

With something to offer people of any age - worth a look! Click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qAOR5U1i7k>

If you would like to **give money online**, here are St Andrew's bank details for direct transfer:

Account Name - St Andrews Church

Account No - 50111169

Sort Code - 089250

Please give a reference: eg General donation, Food bank Kitchen, etc (Your name will appear automatically.)

If you would like to make out a **regular standing order** to St. Andrew's, please use a different account number:

Account Name - St Andrews Church

Account No - 50000102

Sort Code - 089250

Don looks after our standing orders. Please let him know if you set one up or alter an existing one online. Alternatively he has forms for doing these things 'offline'. Phone 01923 497189

## ***Liturgy online from the C of E***

The following links take us to Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, complete with the appropriate readings etc for the day.

Morning prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_mp=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_mp=1)

Evening prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_ep=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_ep=1)

Night prayer (Compline)

[http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_np=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_np=1)

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## ***A prayer for our care homes***

Gracious God, our Father in heaven,  
please be close to everyone who lives or works in a care home.  
Be with people who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
Give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to everyone who cares for residents.  
Please strengthen, comfort and heal them all  
through your Spirit,  
and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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