

**St Andrew's Church**  
Watford

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**  
The First Sunday of Epiphany

***Welcome!***

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11



### ***Readings***

To review today's readings:

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

To prepare for next week:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Revelation 5:1-10

John 1:43-51

**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.

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:***

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, wrote on Monday:

"The Government has chosen not to suspend public worship in England at this time and we will continue to follow the guidance and ensure that churches remain as safe as possible. The Government guidance on the safe use of places of worship makes clear that those attending a place of worship must not mingle with anyone outside their household or support bubble.

"However, some may feel that it is currently better not to attend in person, and there will be parishes which decide to offer only digital services for the time-being. Clergy who have concerns, and others who are shielding, should take particular care and stay at home.

"I would urge everyone in our churches to pray for those on the front line in our public services - the NHS and those working in social care, for schools and many others on whom we depend; and for parents and carers of children at this anxious and stressful time."

Since then, the government has launched a publicity campaign encouraging safer behaviour regarding the coronavirus, along the lines of 'Act like you've got the virus'.

Watford reached 1000 cases per 100,000 population in the seven days to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, one of just three districts in Hertfordshire to exceed 1000 per 100,000.

The darkest hour may be just before the dawn, but it will still be the darkest hour. Stay safe!

## ***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=4MkJStSXLq8>

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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