



Notices for 26th of January 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

We welcome Revd Des Williamson who will be taking today's service.

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

Collect:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 490** Jesus shall reign
- 383** Be still for the presence of the Lord
- 362** Tell out my soul
- 505** Lord Jesus Christ
- 165** Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Post-communion prayer:

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Vacancy News – Peter & Dan

St Mary Cuddington is blessed to have been supported through the Christmas period by our ministry team of John, Maggie and Jason

whilst we advertise for a new vicar. Advertising closes 29th Jan, with shortlisting on 5th Feb for formal interview on 4th March. We will also be supported by visiting clergy including Revd Des Williamson this Sunday 26th Jan, and Revd David Packham at 08:00 BCP on 2nd Feb.

8am SERVICES will be held only once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

The flower display this week is in memory of Mum & Eric Chia.

Dates for your diary

This year the **Electoral Roll for St. Mary's** needs to be fully revised and, hence, everyone currently on the Electoral Roll will need to complete a new Electoral Roll form.

Electoral Roll forms, and an explanatory letter, are available for everyone on the existing Electoral Roll at the back of Church.

These should be returned by 9th March.

For those who are not on the existing Roll but would wish to be included blank Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of Church
Kind Regards, Paul.

CONFIRMATION

We are delighted that there are some young people and adults who have expressed a wish to be confirmed. So, there will be a service of confirmation at St Mary's on **Sunday 9th March at 6.30 p.m.**

Conducted by Bishop Andrew to which all are welcome.

This service will be for the Epsom deanery, and we will welcome candidates from other parishes in the deanery.

If you would like to think about confirmation or know someone who may be interested, please do talk to us, and we will be happy to give you more details.

John and Maggie