



# The Sunday Sheet

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Epiphany Season

### 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.  
An induction loop is provided.*

***Gluten free wafers are available*** for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

#### **Entrance Hymn**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy Word.  
May we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;

and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885*

*Tune: St Edmund*

***The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet***

## **The Collect**

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.**

## **1 Samuel 3. 1-10**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Now 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.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950*  
*Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## John 1. 43-51

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 towards 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith***

## Offertory Hymn

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home an toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.

Jesus call us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

*Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895*  
*Tune: Marching*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of  
Jesus as the Christ who makes all things new:  
renew us in him and in our lives make him known,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer***

### **Hymn at the end of Communion**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be;  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and protect me from the foe malign;  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

*Anima Christi, sancifica me*  
*Tune: Anima Christi*

***Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet***

**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.**

**Final Hymn**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960*  
*Tune: Faithfulness*

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## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-6pm at the Parish Church. Please note the new time!

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Epiphany Carol Service** at the Cathedral on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. A lovely service of music and readings as the Epiphany Season of Light draws to a close.

**Food4Thought** is a soup lunch with a Christian message, which is part of our outreach and takes place on Thursdays at 12noon. All welcome!

## The Week Ahead

### 15<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Anthony of Egypt

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the*

*Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

### 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday – The Confession of Peter (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Singing Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

### 19<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the*

*Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong

### 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Epiphany 3

9.30am All-Age/Family Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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**Today's Readings**

**1 Samuel 3. 1-10**

God calls a young boy, Samuel, in a time when few people were aware of God or responded to God.

**Psalm 139. 1-10**

**Revelation 5. 1-10**

A vision of heaven in which a scroll must be read, but no one is worthy to open the scroll. Then Jesus appears as the Lamb of God, who is the only one who can open the scroll.

**John 1. 43-51**

Jesus calls Philip to follow him and Philip brings his sceptical friend, Nathanael. But when Nathanael realises that Jesus knew him before meeting him in person, he too becomes a faithful disciple.