

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- all events arranged across the Diocese to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

- the United Church of Bangladesh

Please continue to pray for the sick and those in need:-

Sarah Beaney; Jill Boyd; Fiona Brown; Beryl Guarnori; Peggy Pope; Hannah West; Eleanor Wilson; Diana Young.

Please remember the recently departed, and all those who mourn them.

+ **For those in need, O Lord, we make our prayer:**

the sick in mind or in body;

the blind, the deaf and the disabled;

the isolated; the sorrowing, the anxious and the perplexed.

Lord, give them courage, patience and peace of heart,

and do for them whatever is for their good.

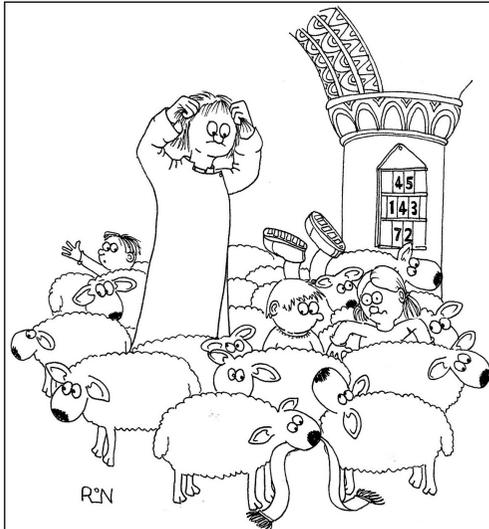
We give thanks and pray for those who care for them. +

REMEMBER you can sponsor any Sunday order of service or flowers in memory of a loved one or an event, with a donation to parish funds.

Please contact Andrea in the office

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To enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priest-in-Charge or one of the Churchwardens.



Pam's sermon illustrations did not always work out...

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Please make sure all items for the

Notice Bulletin reach the office by

Wednesday midday



*To live the love of God,
in the Way of Christ Jesus
in our parish and community*

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20th January 2019

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist *and Ark*



Monday 21st 7 pm Inspired to Follow (*in Church Office*)

8 pm Compline

Tuesday 22nd 9 am Morning Prayer

5.30 pm Senior Guides

7 pm Guides

7.45 pm House Group (*23 Bounds Oak Way*)

Wednesday 23rd 9 am Morning Prayer

9.45 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parent and Toddler group

5 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th 9 am Morning Prayer

5 pm Evening Prayer

7 pm Choir Practice

8 pm PCC

Friday 25th 9 am Morning Prayer

12.45 pm Inspired to Follow (*starting with lunch*)

5 pm Evening Prayer

5.45 pm Brownies

7.30 pm Guides

NEXT SUNDAY

27th January 2019

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Luke 4:14-21

8 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Prayer for Healing *and Ark*

12.30 pm Bring and Share lunch



TUESDAY EVENING HOUSEGROUP

Tuesday evening housegroup will recommence on 22nd at 7.45 pm at 23 Bounds Oak Way. We are continuing to study the gospel of Mark. We always welcome new members - please speak to Ann Ebbels or Janet Norman.



INSPIRED TO FOLLOW: ART AND THE BIBLE STORY

is a resource to help people explore the Christian faith, using paintings and Biblical story as the starting points. It has been created

by St. Martin-in- the-Fields in partnership with the National Gallery. We are looking at one picture and bible story each month in two groups.

The theme of our January sessions will be **the Birth of Jesus** and they will take place on:

Monday 21st January at 7pm in the Church Office for an hour. If you wish, you can stay for Compline at 8pm.

Or **Friday 25th January at lunchtime**. Meet at 12.45 pm in the Parish Room, starting with soup or sandwiches. So that we can plan the food, please sign up at the back of church or email martin.clay@btconnect.com.



BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Our next Bring and Share Lunch will be next Sunday, 27th January. We will be encouraging donations and the beneficiaries of these donations will vary. **If you are not able to bring anything for the Bring and Share, you will still be very welcome to attend.** Please sign the list at the back of church if you are planning to attend and, if you are able to

bring a contribution, it would be helpful if you could indicate what that will be. Thank you.



Tea at two

Now on the LAST Thursday of every month

Our next Tea at Two will be on

Thursday January 31st

between 2pm and 3.30pm

The theme will be Oranges and Lemons

Invitation cards are available at the back of church so why not invite a neighbour or friend to come along?

If you can help by providing cakes or biscuits, helping on the day, or offer a lift if they are needed, could you please put your name on the list on the church notice board. Thankyou.



NEW CHURCH WARDEN REQUIRED

Chris Barker Bey will be leaving us at the end of February to return to Leeds. We will miss her and we are grateful for her hard work and commitment whilst she has been with us. Her absence means that we are now seeking a new churchwarden. Thank you for the expressions of interest we have had - you will be hearing from Rachel and the current

Churchwardens in due course. If you are also interested then please talk to Eric Wills or Rachel as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

To Philip Clarkson-Webb for leading our Difficult Questions session last Sunday on 'Christians and Climate Change - how should we respond?' There is a lot the parish could do to live in a more sustainable way and you will notice the subject being mentioned on the notice sheet over the coming weeks.

Faith Hope and Action in a Changing Climate

Following a successful meeting between Greg Clark MP and local parishioners from across our Churches, he has kindly offered to come and speak at a Churches Together in Tunbridge Wells event on climate change, hosted by the URC/Methodists at the United Reformed Church, Tunbridge Wells on Friday February 1st 2019 at 6.30 pm.

Alongside Minister and local MP Greg Clark, we will hear from Dr Ruth Valerio, theologian, environmentalist and now Head of Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund.

It is hoped that all local churches will be represented, so put the date in your diaries now. To book your FREE ticket or to find out more, please visit www.bit.ly/TWclimate

PARISH ROOM CLEANING

The Parish Room is used by everyone in the church and many other members of the public. Having a clean and hygienic hall, kitchen and lavatories is essential but it may be something that we all take for granted. More helpers are urgently needed for Mondays, morning or afternoon. Working in pairs it only takes about an hour to do essential cleaning. At the moment we have only four people on the rota. **We need another four people to volunteer**, which would mean no one doing more than an hour a month. If no one comes forward we may have to resort to paying other people to do the job.

If you can help, do speak to Jane Dunn or to a Churchwarden.

