



**Weekly Newsletter for
The Benefice of Evesham, All Saints
with Norton & Lenchwick, St Egwin**



Readings and Notices for
Sunday 26th January 2025
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY

Time	Service/Event	Church/Venue	Details
10.00am	Service of the Word	St Egwin's	Led by Julie Westlake
10.00am	Parish Communion	All Saints	President & Preacher: The Venerable Mark Badger

Service book: Christmastide and Epiphany

Music setting: Archer

Sides: Pam & Jim Osborne

Readers: Pam Osborne, Jim Osborne

Intercessions: Rosie Grove

Coffee: Jayne Fleetwood, Janwyne Rouke

We welcome Archdeacon Mark Badger and Kath Davis to our service this morning.

Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee
above,
the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.

Collect

Lord God, whose compassion embraces
all peoples, whose law is wisdom,
freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in
our midst your promise of favour, that
we may receive the gospel of salvation
with faith and, anointed by the Spirit,
freely proclaim it. Grant this through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading. A reading from the book of Nehemiah

all the people gathered together into
the square before the Water Gate. They
told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of
the law of Moses, which the Lord had
given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest
Ezra brought the law before the
assembly, both men and women and all
who could hear with understanding. This
was on the first day of the seventh
month. He read from it facing the
square before the Water Gate from
early morning until midday, in the
presence of the men and the women
and those who could understand; and
the ears of all the people were attentive
to the book of the law. And Ezra opened
the book in the sight of all the people,
for he was standing above all the people;
and when he opened it, all the people
stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord,

the great God, and all the people
answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their
hands. Then they bowed their heads and
worshipped the Lord with their faces to
the ground. So they read from the book,
from the law of God, with
interpretation. They gave the sense, so
that the people understood the reading.
And Nehemiah, who was the governor,
and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the
Levites who taught the people said to all
the people, 'This day is holy to
the Lord your God; do not mourn or
weep.' For all the people wept when
they heard the words of the law. Then
he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the
fat and drink sweet wine and send
portions of them to those for whom
nothing is prepared, for this day is holy
to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for
the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corninthians

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.

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Hymn

O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me:

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

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.'

Luke 4.14-21

Offertory Hymn

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race;
great High Priest who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

Lord, as you have lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust at your command.

Come, Lord Jesus, reign among us,
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
Yours the prayer, and yours the purpose,
that your people should be one;
grant from heaven our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Hymn

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
our souls are raised from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your quickening power extend.

Jehovah — Father, Spirit, Son —
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend:
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may
your people, illumined 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.

Amen.

Hymn

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most
wonderous your ways!
Your glory and power are beyond us to
tell,
And yet in the heart of the humble you
dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
In joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is
song;
And, held in your keeping, my weakness is
strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
Rich truth that surpasses our
knowledge to find.

What eye has not seen and what ear
has not heard
Is taught by your Spirit and shines from
your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you
impart;

Your love to inflame me, your counsel
to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever
betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
If I should disown you, I'd stumble and
fall;
But, sworn in your service your word I'll
obey,
And walk in your freedom to the end of
the way.

Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 26th January 2025

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Carole Vizer, David Dickenson,
Ann Linehan, Doreen Tyler,
Carol Sheehan, Jean Whitehouse

Those who have recently died:

Robin Phillips, William Dyde,
Brenda Clarke, Dorothy Grove

Year's Mind: Helena Grove, John Iorns,
Reginald Leggett, Agnes Hancock,
Eileen Wootton, Alan Jones,
Christopher Cox, Jack Harwood,
Robert Lippett

Notices.

Amanda Palmer Licencing

Please include Amanda in your prayers
as she has her licence as a Reader
renewed today.

Alpha course at St Peter's

St Peter's, Bengeworth will be holding
an Alpha course starting on Thursday
30th January at church, 7.30pm until
9.15pm.

Alpha is all about exploring life, faith,
and meaning in a relaxed and friendly
environment. It's primarily aimed at
those curious about Christianity, new to
faith, and looking for a place to connect
with others.

The link to sign up is:

[https://www.stpetersbengeworth.org/
alpha](https://www.stpetersbengeworth.org/alpha)

Chris Povey

Next Sunday we will be presenting
Chris with a token of our appreciation
of his 40 years as Ringing Master of the
Bell tower.

Electoral Roll

This year we have to renew our
electoral roll. This involves anyone who
is on, or wishes to be on, needing to
complete a form. There will be copies at
the back of church but it would be
really helpful if you could complete one
online if possible—if we have an email
address for you, you will receive a
notification containing the form.

Weekly giving envelopes

If you need weekly giving envelopes
please contact the office.

Services and Events for the week ahead

Monday 27th January

- 10.00 am Contemplative Worship, in All Saints,
led by Revd Dr Prajna Lad
- 6.30 pm Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge

Wednesday 29th January

- 9.30 am Stay and Play in All Saints
- 10.00 am Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge
- 11.00 am Funeral of Dorothy Grove, St Egwins, Revd Caroline Green
followed by burial in the Churchyard.
- 11.00 am Service of Worship, Yates Court. Led by Lindsay Ladbrook

Thursday 30th January

- 10.00 am Communion by Extension: All Saints. Led by Julie Westlake
Followed by coffee in church
- 5.45 pm Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge

Friday 31st January

- 2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

Saturday 1st February

- 10.00 am—2.00pm February Fair, All Saints.

Sunday 2nd February

- 8.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints.
President & Preacher: Revd Caroline Green
- 10.00 am Parish Communion, St Egwins:
President & Preacher: Revd Andy Green
- 10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints
President: Revd Caroline Green, Preacher: Revd Peter Knight
Sides: Jayne Fleetwood, Rebeca Whiting
Readers: John Ellis, Roberta Matthews
Intercessions: Jayne Fleetwood
Coffee: Sara Greedy, Chris Spriggs

Homelessness Awareness Session

Thursday 20th February 2025

7.00pm

The Lighthouse, Vine Court
Evesham WR11 4RE



What is homelessness?
There aren't any rough sleepers here - are there?
There is no help for the homeless around here - is there?
What can I do to help?

To find out more or to book a place on the session, please contact
Diane Bennett on diane@chands.org.uk or 07859 892528

ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

FEBRUARY FAIR



Saturday 1st February
10am to 2pm

Get ready to lift your spirits
this February. Join us for an
exciting pick-me-up event



Tombola
Stalls
Refreshments



For more information (including table bookings)
contact events@evesham.church or 01386 442213
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7th February 2025

All Saints Church, Evesham

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Male/Female costume
Licensed bar
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included

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