



Pew News

Sunday 17th January 2021 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

St Thomas's and St James's

Please note that because of the current 'lockdown' all services will be streamed via our website

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Diary dates for January

17th Second Sunday of Epiphany **10.30am**

18th to 25th January **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Download information and resources for the week from:

[Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 (ctbi.org.uk))

24th Third Sunday of Epiphany **10.30am**

24th Mary Ward Service **4.00pm** this year our annual service will be livestreamed only via the website

31st The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) **10.30am** with prayers for healing.

Sunday Reflection with the Canon Precentor of York Minster

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for churches to use in their Sunday worship, either online or in church as we return to our buildings.

Find the video here, or at vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

May God's light shine on us so that we might shine on others. How might we be a source of that radiance as we seek to live our lives closer to God? Watch Archbishop Stephen's Our hope is found reflection at www.youtube.be/kLsnloXH-DA



St Hilda's

Dear friends,

This will be our second Sunday on zoom at St Hilda's. I said I would review the decision to close our building after two weeks on zoom, but following consultation with colleagues, it would seem that more and more churches are closing, including our beloved York Minster. I feel, very sadly that we should remain closed for public worship until restrictions are eased. This is not going to happen before my last Sunday with you on 31st January, therefore my last service will be on zoom, at 10.30am. I do hope as many of you as possible can join us for that service. I will try to come round and say personal goodbyes to those of you who can't access our on-line worship in the next couple of weeks.

As we look to the future of St Hilda's, I'm pleased to say that Geraldine Casswell has kindly offered to become acting churchwarden, and the PCC have gladly agreed this. I am in the process of handing over various administrative tasks for her and Olive Wordsworth. Geraldine and Olive will be the first port of call for any queries regarding St Hilda's, with Revd Jan giving them support from Osbaldwick.

With my love,

Fran

Services for January

**Sunday 17th January at 10.30am
Morning Worship by Zoom**

**Monday 18th January at 8.00pm
Bible Book Group by Zoom - final session**

**Sunday 24th January at 10.30am
Morning Worship by Zoom**

**Sunday 31st January at 10.30am
Fran's last service: Morning Worship by Zoom**

If you would like a link to any of these events, please contact Fran and she'll be pleased to send it onto you.

Collects for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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,

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Speak, Lord, I'm listening

Plant your word

down deep in me.

Speak, Lord, I'm listening

Please show me the way

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

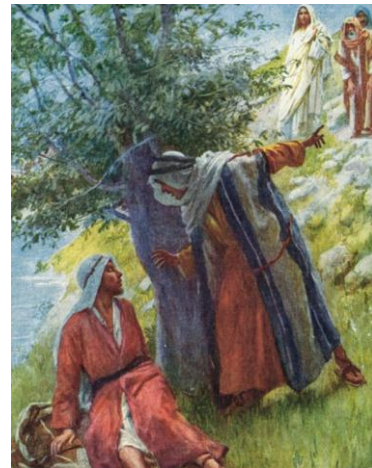
3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ 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. ⁴ Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.' ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

St John 1: 43 - 51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ 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.' ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹ 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.'

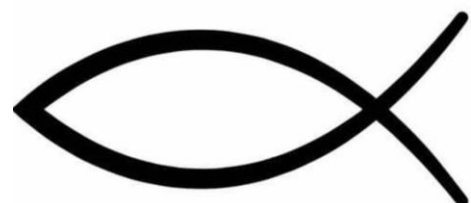


Readings taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

You may like to look at the other readings set for today:

Psalm: 139:1-6, 13-18

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 6: 12 - 20



Revd Fran writes:

We're still in the first chapter of John's Gospel, and in this section, we find Jesus with his first followers about to set off for Galilee following Jesus' baptism. Before they go, Philip, all enthusiasm, finds his friend Nathanael to tell him some really exciting news. We've found the Messiah – it's Jesus, from Nazareth!

But Nathanael is having none of it – he knows that Philip is completely wrong about Jesus. He knows this because the scriptures say absolutely nothing about the Messiah coming from Nazareth, a tiny and scruffy village near his home town of Cana. From what he knows, the Messiah is coming from Bethlehem – a much more fitting place - the ancestral home of King David situated close to the capital, Jerusalem.

But Nathanael is so like us – instead of taking his time to explain why in his opinion this is unlikely, he blurts out: Can anything good come from Nazareth? How rude! How very prejudiced! What a put down!

If I were Philip – I'd probably walk away at this point. But Philip's not like me. He persists – well, OK – come and see for yourself!

And this is where Nathanael is great, because he puts aside his prejudice and is willing to be persuaded. He does exactly what Philip suggests.

And of course, when he meets Jesus, he's just bowled over. Jesus seems to know all about him already. And with what I imagine is a twinkle in his eye he calls out to Nathanael. Here you are then! A true Israelite in whom there is no deceit.

'How do you know me?' Jesus responds: 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you'.

'Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel.' And Jesus responds generously, as he always does when someone declares their faith in him. 'You will see much greater things than this: You will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'

I want to do a shout out for Nathanael. Here's a man who was willing to stare his prejudice in the face, recognise it for what it was, and be willing to change direction.

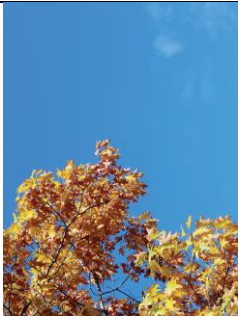
It's not easy to admit our prejudices, but what might happen if we do? We too might gain a deeper and more powerful vision of reality and truth.

DailyHope phone line

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.





Do you live near Hull Road Park in Tang Hall or regularly visit? 🍀
Why not check out the brand new Hull Road Park newsletter!

It includes information about the what's going on in the beck, park wildlife, free events and volunteering within the park. 🐞🐿️🐢

You can find out more on our Hull Road Park Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/hullroadpark/?ref=page_internal

Welcome!
Welcome to the first edition of the Hull Road Park newsletter. Our aim is to provide information regarding Hull Road Park, volunteering opportunities and activities that take place within the park and surrounding areas and to provide useful contacts and information to local people.
Rachel & Rachel
The Conservation Volunteers

What's going on in the beck?
You may have noticed the work that's currently underway in the park beck. This work is being done to improve the appearance, flow and habitat of Oxbowbeck Beck as it runs through Hull Road Park and is the first project of its kind. The Environment Agency, in partnership with ward councillors, City of York Council and St Nick's House Leasewe are carrying out the work.
A series of beacons are then to be installed in the gaps created and over time these will be removed from the beck as it runs through the park.
Once the flow of the beck is improved it will contain a more natural meander through the site, while narrowing within the existing wide channel. Work will then focus on improving the surrounding habitat to benefit wildlife and the local community.
It is believed that the beck was artificially widened in the 1930s to make it more of a feature in the park. However, sedimentation has been an issue in the water course as a result of the flow being too low for the size of the channel.
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Park Wildlife
Did you know that we get a variety of wildlife in Hull Road Park. We have recently spotted buzzards, hawks, woodpeckers and hedgehogs just to name a few! If you've spotted any wildlife in the park we'd love to see it, your photo may even be featured in the next issue!
How do you hear about our new wildlife project in the park? - Do you want to learn how to identify different birds in the park and in your own garden?
Our bird watching sessions take place on the last Friday of the month.
Join Rachel from The Conservation Volunteers to do some bird watching in the park.
Adults & Children friendly!

Thursdays Gardening Group
The Conservation Volunteers (CV) is a national environmental volunteering charity working with a goal to connect people and green spaces and deliver lasting outcomes for both. We are currently active in Hull Road Park on a variety of different projects.
One of which is our Thursday gardening group. We meet every Thursday at 10am at the park pavilion. We do a variety of tasks such as weeding the raised beds, planting trees and flowers, litter picking and other general gardening tasks. We usually stay till around 1pm but you can stay as long as you like! No gardening experience is necessary and we provide all the equipment you will need. Just arrive in clothes you don't mind getting a bit muddy!
If you're wanting to get some fresh air, meet new people or just have a good chat, then the Thursday gardening group is for you. We accept gardeners of all ages - no experience necessary.
You can just turn up and meet us there or if you would like to find out a bit more information about any of our activities in the park then please get in touch!

Prayers for the week ahead.



For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Unity of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer of dedication

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

