

activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Gospel Reading: John 2 vs 1-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**We pray to the Lord**

- ◆ For Bishops Andrew and Paul, for retired bishops in our diocese, and for all those in authority in the Christian Church
- ◆ For those named on our January prayer list: Cindy, Brian, Jimmy, Eleanor, Teresa, Sue, Maureen, James, Robin, Heather, John, Kenny, Baby Theo,
- ◆ For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Margherite Donnelly, Boardman Amis, Eric Baker, Denis Longridge

**Fr Stephen and others are available to talk or pray with anyone; please just ask. God bless you this week**

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# ST MARY'S THORPE

A warm welcome for everyone

## Church Family News

### Week of the 19th January

**Greetings**

I don't know how you feel, but in the news there seems to have been a torrent of people falling out with one another, being nasty and becoming 'tribal' (only associating with people like them and threatening others not like them). It's perhaps an unsurprising product of our digitally connected world where we are served up with people and things that are to our liking. I yearn for a world of friendships, relationships and the ability to learn from, argue with and disagree well with others who are not like us. This week is the annual 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', in which we pray that the Church which is united around Jesus Christ, will discover how to make that unity visible in the everyday world. This includes learning from and disagreeing well with other Christians, people of other faiths and people of no faith. If Christ is, as he said he was, the 'Truth' then we have nothing to fear, provided our friendships, relationships and conversations are held in a spirit of loving enquiry and generosity (with integrity). All of us can go out of our way to meet someone or read something we know we'll disagree with - not to convert but to learn. If there is any converting to do, leave it to Christ (their conversion and also ours), humility demands that we are always open to further conversion.

**This Week:**

**Today**

**Wednesday 9am - 3 pm** Parish office open

**11am** Holy Communion, *all welcome*

*Warden: Jill Collinson Welcome: Joy Mitchiner*

*Server: Kim Stangroom*

**7.15-- 9.15pm** Art Class

**Thursday 9am - 11.30am** Noah's Ark parent and toddler group

**6.30-8.30pm** Runnymede Council. meeting in the Rutherwyke Room

**Friday** Fr Stephen's day off

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### **Future Services and Events:**

**Next Sunday** Baptism of Ella Donaldson

**2nd February Candlemas** / bring and share lunch

The Presentation of Christ in the temple. We are all invited to celebrate Candlemas by sharing a 'bring and share' lunch together in the Rutherwyke Room. Soup and bread provided. Please bring something for yourself in addition to the soup. Sign up sheets are at the back of church and in the Rutherwyke Room.

**9th February 4-5.15pm**

Baptism families - those (and their families) who have been baptised here in the last three years have been invited to tea in the Rutherwyke Room.

**2nd March** Baptism of Grace Attreed

### **Notices**

#### **LAY TRAINING**

Our diocese provides training for lay people who want to be involved with pastoral visiting, teaching, leading services, mission or evangelism. If this is something you'd like to explore further, there is more information in this video and on the diocesan website

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/for-leaders/formation-and-training/lay-training-pathway/> Do have a chat with Fr Stephen if you want to talk it through further.

#### **Choir Practice**

Held on second and fourth Sundays at 11.30am. We need new singers in all parts

#### **Family Service**

Held on first and third Sundays at 11.30-noon — *all welcome*

#### **Runnymede Foodbank**

Please leave contributions in the basket in the Rutherwyke Room or in the crate outside. Donations will be passed on regularly

### **Sunday Worship 19 January**

Second Sunday of Epiphany

We gather for worship welcoming everyone as Christ would, learning from him through the Bible and being spiritually nourished by him through Holy Communion. The readings and prayers for this week are below.

Those serving us today are:

**8am Holy Communion**

**Server** Andy West **Welcome/Reader:** Kim Stangroom

**10am Holy Communion**

**Warden:** Pete Gruncell **Welcome:** Joan Gruncell **Server:** Susi Thornton **Reader:** Jane Carter **Chalice:** Susi Thornton/Ciaire Cobbold

**Organist:** David Howard

**Hymns** from the green hymn book **55, 420, 52, 470, 352**

**11.30am Family Service** led by Susi Thornton **Organist:** David Howard

**Collect** (*prayer for the week*)

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 .**

**Psalm 36 vs 5-10**

**Response:**

**ALL: With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light**

**NT Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 vs 1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are