

10 January 2021—Epiphany 1—Year A
17 January 2021—Epiphany 2—Year A

Our Parish Prayer: Almighty God, your children call.
O Christ the Son, your people save.
O Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.
O Threefold God, your family bless and bring us all to You.
O God, strengthen this Parish -
beginning with me and direct our hearts into the love of God. **Amen**



A New Year's Prayer for Those Growing Older

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not Bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends in the end. Keep my mind from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me to be reasonably sweet. I don't want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell then so. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Holy Trinity,

The Grapevine



10 January 2021—1st Sunday of Epiphany—Year A
17 January 2021—2nd Sunday of Epiphany—Year A

Our Parish Vision is:

- * *Deepen and strengthen our faith and understanding through prayer, worship and study to become a vibrant worship community, confident in what we do and able to reach out to others.*
- * *Build up the life of the parish.*
- * *Communicate and connect with our community.*
- * *Be good stewards of our fabric, site and monies.*
- * *Work towards having sustainable buildings that will meet the needs of the faith community and enable out-reach to the wider Avonside community.*

Jill's Jottings: Mahatma Gandhi was not a Christian but he was perhaps one of the most Christ-like people to have walked the earth. Einstein said that generations will find it hard to believe that someone so good could have ever lived as a human being.

Ghandi was a staunch opponent of the strict caste system maintained in India. It means that before birth your destiny in the caste system is predetermined and there is no way out. The lowest group are the untouchables and Ghandi hated the way they were treated. They were confined to the slums and were assigned the lowest of the menial tasks.

Ghandi was warmly welcomed as he travelled through the country. The head of each village would greet him and invite him to stay at a house where there was good food, a bath, and a good night's rest. Always he inquired as to where the untouchables were and he would go and stay with them. The untouchables would share their hovels with him and welcome him warmly. Ghandi went out of his way to befriend them. He longed to have them liberated from their wretched condition.

Jesus went out of his way to be identified with the people he came to save, sinners. Not just sinners but the poor and downtrodden. This was most of the population of Palestine at the time.

This became a model of the way he would conduct his ministry. He cared for all and he sought them out rather than waiting for them to come to him. Jesus did not stand apart or put himself above the ordinary folk. He tried very hard to be one of them. He was even accused of being a sinner and was treated as a sinner.

His motivation was compassion. He was God's servant to bring good news to the poor. God was well pleased with him. Jesus was showing us his love for us. Though completely sinless Jesus took our sinful condition on himself. He didn't stand apart from us but placed himself beside us as an older brother. He reveals to us that we are God's precious children. He wants to lead us out from our wretched condition of sin and death and wants us to have life abundantly here, now and hereafter. **Reverend Jill**

10 January 2021—Baptism of Jesus—Year A

Welcome to all who are sharing in worship here today.

Service: 9:30am Parish Eucharist.

Sentence: A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3: 17

Collect: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son, grant that we, who are baptised into his name, may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Today’s Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-5 *Peter*

Acts 19: 1-7, 10 *Christine H*

Mark 1: 4-11

Next Week:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 *Colin*

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 *Valmai*

John 1: 43-51

Hymns: 317: Shine Jesus shine
565: Ye servants of God
569: You are beautiful beyond description
These are the days of Elijah

Please pray for: people who live in Retreat Road and for our community committee and fund-raising activities. Also please pray for anyone who is unwell or in some difficulty, especially Graham and our mission partners, Jon, Mari and family.

Weekly Prayer Cycle:

Monday: Wednesday Cafe.

Tuesday: Richard and those who care for our grounds.

Wednesday: Special events, e.g. fair, meals etc.

Thursday: Hospitality group and those who serve morning tea.

Friday: Prayer and Praise service.

Saturday: Worship leaders, lectors, intercessors and chalice bearers.

Office Hours: The office will be closed now until 25 January.

Foot Clinic: The next foot clinic is 26 January.

Mid week Service: These services will resume on 28 January.

Movie Night: The next movie night will be 30 January.

17 January 2021—2nd Sunday of Epiphany—Year A

Welcome to all who are sharing in worship here today.

Service: 9:30am Parish Eucharist.

Sentence: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8: 12

Collect: God of call and vocation, you call the greatest and the least to follow you; open our ears to hear your call, empower us by your Holy Spirit to respond and willingly embrace the new and living way of discipleship. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today’s Readings:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 *Colin*

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 *Valmai*

John 1: 43-51

Next Week:

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 *Margaret B*

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 *Chris M*

Mark 1: 14-20

Hymns: 560: Will you come and follow me
26: Alleluia, sing to Jesus
464: Take my life and let it be
522: To God be the glory

Please pray for: people living in Medway and Randall Streets and for our sidespeople and welcomers. Please also pray for anyone who is unwell or in some difficulty, especially Graham and our mission partners, Jon, Mari and family.

Weekly Prayer Cycle:

Monday: Our community activities - exercise, foot clinic etc.

Tuesday: Musicians.

Wednesday: Visitors to our church and grounds.

Thursday: The staff of Avon Life Care.

Friday: Step Ahead Trust, in Stanmore Road.

Saturday: Pupils, teachers & supporters of preschools/schools in our area, especially Seabrook McKenzie School.

AAW: We will meet at Robert Harris at The Palms on Saturday 23 January at 10.30am for a coffee and catch up. Please phone Margaret on 960 0331 by Thursday 21st if you require transport.

Office Hours: The office will re-open on Tuesday 26 January.

Mid week Service: These resume on 28 January.

Foot Clinic: The next foot clinic is Tuesday 26 January. You can ring and leave a message if you wish to make an appointment.

Parish Picnic: Being planned and organised by the All Age Church group for Sunday 31 January. See here for more details.