

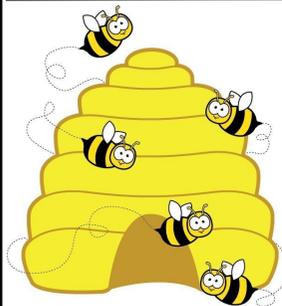
24 January 2021—Epihpany 3—Year A

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**

Weekly Prayer Cycle:

Monday: All recreational groups in our area.
Tuesday: People who work in local shops and businesses.
Wednesday: Staff and clients of the local Periodic Detention Centre.
Thursday: Bishop Peter, the Diocesan staff and CPT.
Friday: Refugees and migrants in our area.
Saturday: Those who provide accommodation locally..



Three Kinds of Givers

There are three kinds of givers. We might compare them to a piece of flint, a sponge, or a honeycomb.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to get anything from a piece of flint. You have to hit it with a hammer, and even then it gives off nothing but chips and sparks. A sponge will give up its liquid, but not willingly.

Appropriate pressure must be applied to get the sponge to yield its treasure. And then there's the honeycomb—the true model for all Christian givers. Overflowing with goodness, it takes delight in giving without being asked. What we need in our church are more honeycomb givers.

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Holy Trinity, Avonside.



The Grapevine

24 January 2021—3rd 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.*

Welcome to all who are sharing in worship here today.

Services: Sunday, 9:30am Parish Eucharist.
Thursday, 10am, Mid week Eucharist.

Sentence: Arise shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60: 1*

Collect: Praise to you Jesus Christ, God in human form. You show us the fullness of life; help us to find this life for ourselves and for others.

Amen

Readings:

This week:

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 *Marg B*
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 *Chris M*
Mark 1: 14-20

Next week:

Deutronomy 18: 15-20 *Milly*
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 *Max*
Mark 1: 21-28

Hymns: 394: O Worship the Lord
428: Purify my heart
53: Be still for the presence of the Lord
62: Blessed assurance Jesus is mine

(Psalm—see insert sheet)

Parish Notices

Activities in the Parish:

Activities Group - Weekly, Thursday, 1pm.
Exercise Class - Weekly, Thursday, 11am.
Parish Eucharist - Weekly, Sundays 9.30am, Thursdays 10am.
All Age Church - Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 11.15am.
Community Committee - Monthly, 3rd Sunday after church.
Discipleship Committee—Monthly, 1st Sunday after church.
Mission Stall - Monthly, 3rd Sunday after church.
Prayer and Praise - Monthly, 4th Sunday, 11am.
Parish Lunch at Crossroads - Monthly, 4th Sunday, midday.
Vestry - Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 7.15pm.
Wednesday Café - Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 11.30am.
Assn of Anglican Women - Monthly, 4th Saturday, 10.30am.
Foot Clinic - Every 6 weeks, next is Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Please pray for:

People living in Swanns Road, Sorensens Place and Glade Avenue. Also please pray for those who are unwell or in some difficulty especially Graham, and also our mission partners Jon, Mari and family.

Prayer and Praise:

Today at 11am.

Lunch with the Vicar:

Today at midday, at the Purple Weka café in Fitzgerald Avenue, near St Asaph Street,

Office Hours:

The office opens again this Tuesday, 26th January.

Foot Clinic:

The next foot clinic is this Tuesday 26th January.

Mid week Services:

Mid week services resume this week, Thursday 28th January.

Movie Night:

The next movie night will be this coming **Saturday, 30th January**. The movie is “The Street Cat named Bob”.

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Jill’s Jottings:

Once a number of orthodox rabbis gathered for a festivity and each began to boast of his eminent rabbinical ancestors. However there was one exception, a man named Abram. The son of a simple baker, Abram possessed some of the forthright qualities of a man of the people.

At a certain point each rabbi was asked to hold forth on a text culled from the sayings of one of his distinguished ancestors. One rabbi after another delivered their learned speeches. At last it was time for Abram to say something. He arose and said,

“My father was a baker. He taught me that only fresh bread was appetising and that I must avoid stale bread at all costs. This can also apply to teaching.” He sat down.

It certainly applied to the teaching of Jesus. As soon as he began to teach, the people recognised at once that there was a freshness and a transparency about his teaching. Yet he didn’t have the same kind of background as the rabbis of his day. But in a way that was an advantage.

Reverend Jill

Parish Picnic:

All Age Church are planning a picnic for Sunday 31 January, from 11.30am at Avebury House, (9 Evelyn Cousins Avenue). Paddling pool is available. Please bring sunscreen and sunhats, public toilets are handy. Also, please bring your own picnic lunch, rugs, chairs, drinks etc. Games to be organised—Tug of War, sack races, 3 legged races, egg and spoon races, and more. Also there is a mud kitchen for children to use in the community garden area! Anyone wanting a ride please meet at the church at 11am. Everyone welcome!!