

THE BENEFICE OF SOUTH FRAMLAND & THE HIGH FRAMLAND PARISH

# The Parish Bulletin

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE VILLAGES OF BRANSTON, BUCKMINSTER, COSTON, CROXTON KERRIAL, EDMONDTHORPE, GARTHORPE, HARSTON, KNIPTON, SALTBY, SAXBY, SEWSTERN, SPROXTON, STAPLEFORD, WYFORDBY AND WYMONDHAM



**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Gathering Sentence

cf. John 2.9-10

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, he said to the bridegroom, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

### The Collect

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.**

(or)

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. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62.1-5

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 36.5-10

*Refrain:* **Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights. **R**

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R**

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel Reading**

John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Communion Sentence**

John 1.14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## CHURCH SERVICES—WHERE AND WHEN

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Please do read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the parish bulletin as it comes out each week, not least so you have the most up-to-date information of where and when services are going to be. Please do keep an eye out for changes as we continue to journey together through the pandemic.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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This Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> January) marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As the Iona Community has so eloquently put it, 'We are one in Body, but not in fact.' As the Church, called to live together in such a way that we draw the peoples of the world to God's generous heart, we fail when we cannot even love one another. As God's people, I invite you to pray this coming week, that as members of Christ's body we may overcome our divisions and celebrate together the love that makes us one with God and with one another:

*Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; 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.*

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Harston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

*The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

10:30 am Benefice Service | Sproxton

11:00 am Holy Communion | Sewstern

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Conversion of Paul*

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*The Fourth Sunday before Lent*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Sproxton

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom



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**PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET AWAY WITH YOU.**