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SUNDAY 14 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 2)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Churchl and online

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T Time Tales

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 3)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Churchl and online

4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

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.



These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3: 1 to 10

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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' 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. 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.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

THE GOSPEL READING John 1: 43 to 51

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

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need: Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell, Jenny Toye, Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook, Margaret Steward, Lennox Hartman, Euan Cooper, Susan Collyer, David Bretherton, Rosemary Absalom.

For those living in Holmesdale Road

For Week of prayer for Christian unity For anniversaries falling at this time: Peter Violet, Vivien Gordon-Jones.

RIP: Lorna Watson, Tere Munden

GREEN SUNDAYS

On the **1**st **Sundays of the month from November to March inclusive** all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy. The next Green Sunday are: 4 February 2024 and 3 March 2024.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

launched have our Christmas Appeal. This year we are supporting two projects: A Project Uganda project, supporting rainwater harvesting in a rural school in the Rukungiri District, Uganda; and an Our Moon Project, giving funding towards a solar power system for a learning forum in rural Zambia. Both projects, although quite different, will support the education of children who, without the help of people like you and me, would not be able to get an education which can lift them and their families out of poverty. We would love to see you at our Appeal Launch to hear more about these wonderful projects.

> Barbara Perkins Chairman

ST MARK'S HOME GROUP

The dates for the Home Group are: 25 January, 8 and 22 February, 7 and 21 March all in the evening. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Dyde 07775 735384 or Nigel Perkins 07710 110584.

REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARK'S

If you are able to, please consider making a regular donation to St Mark's through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most effective way to donate as we receive 100% of your donation and Gift Aid is automatically claimed. Please follow the link below to sign up.

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Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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