

**Collect for The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany:**

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 forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion prayer:**

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**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the Mission Aviation Fellowship.
- For all Risborough Churches as we come together to pray for Christian Unity.
- For peace and a resolution to the conflict between US and Iran.
- For the people of Australia as they come to terms with the devastation causes by the bush fires.
- For our Queen as she seeks to resolve the differences within the Royal Family.
- For those caught up in conflict around the world.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:**

Matteo Bellini, Philippa and Laila King, Maggie Wooster, Suzie Aries, Fred and Jenny Deverill, Frances Goodchild, Rob and Sally Goodchild, Marion Long, Joseph Fell, Iris Austin, Norman Edwards, John Hardy, Debby and Jim Cadwallader, The Goodridges, Richard Hayward, Shirley and Eric Watts, Liz and Paul Bracken, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Barbara Higgins, Simon Clegg.

**WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:**

Mel Rolfe, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Hazel Boon, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Bill & Marge Philips, Jean Coleman, Mary Williams and Angela Ettle.

**WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:**

Eunice Clifford, Eva Lloyd, Rosa Lidington, Ann Main and Tony Mead.

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# News

## Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2020, Second Sunday after Epiphany

**Dear Friends**

Ever since I was young, I have always loved movies. In my school days, I thought, for a long time, that I would end up working in the film industry. Therefore I chose to study drama and media studies for my A/levels. When I start watching a movie, no matter which genre, I get lured in and find myself watching it until the end, even if I don't particularly like it. When I have considered what it is that captivates me about movies - it's the story being told. Any good movie worth mentioning tells the story, journey and experiences of people's lives. We get invited into their personal lives and experience their joys and struggles. We can relate to the emotions that they experience, whether it be love, pain, sorrow or fear. Movies are only successful because of the stories they tell. Without the human story, movies are void.

As Christians what makes our story so much more powerful than anything played out on screen, is that, whatever story we seem to feel we are in at this time, it is intertwined with God. A movie invites us to relate to the experiences of others but our story with God allows Him to be present in all circumstances. Whether we are experiencing pain, joy, love, sorrow, fear or anxiety, our story allows God to be present in the midst of it all. Whatever part of your story you are in, remember that God is with you in it. If things are good, give thanks. If things are hard, our prayer is that you know God's presence and peace in those struggles. Not all movies end with 'happy ever after' but with our story and the promises of God, whatever we are experiencing, ours will. God loves us so much He wants to be a part of our story. The greatest adventures are the ones when we allow God to be in control.

As we continue with our Winter sermon series, we are looking at why relationships matter. As God stands with us in our story, so we should stand with others in theirs. As we go into the year ahead, whose story could you have a positive impact on? Where could you show God in other's lives, showing how your relationship with God transforms your relationships with others?

**Pat Kerr**

## NEWS & NOTICES.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S TODAY:** To mark the start of this week of prayer there will be a CTR service today at 3pm at St Johns, Lacey Green. This week is an annual initiative when Christians come together and pray for one another and greater Christian Unity. The 2020 theme is 'They showed an Unusual Kindness'. From Acts 27:18-28, 10. Please support this if you can.

**ALPHA:** 'I hope everyone was able to give something that people truly wanted this Christmas, now offer them something they truly need. Invite a loved one, a friend, work colleague, neighbour to Alpha. It might just make their year even better. It might just change their life. Begins Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Email [stmarysprcurate@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprcurate@gmail.com) for more info' Pat.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Forget the spring clean, let's get 'Messy'. A ministry that reaches out to all in our community. Come and be a part of this fabulous ministry. All gifts and talents needed. Training morning with lunch on Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 11-1:30. To book a place contact [stmarysprcurate@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprcurate@gmail.com)

**HOLIDAY AT HOME:** Can it really be that time of year already? This year, our holiday will be on Weds February 18<sup>th</sup> and Thurs Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and will be a 'bookfest'! Come and meet some of the characters from your favourite books and spend a couple of days on activities and entertainment on a literary theme. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Gill on [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com) or the Church Office. Offers of help would also be greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTIAN NIGHTLIFE INITIATIVE:** have produced an inspirational new prayer and action guide. The Guide is based on the work of local Street Angels, Club Angels and Festival Angels who see how prayer and action can and does change communities and people. The free 30days Guide can be found at [cninetwork.org/30days](http://cninetwork.org/30days). There is also a copy in the lady chapel.

**CHILDREN'S WORKER:** This role is now being advertised and a copy is on the children's noticeboard. Please pray that we receive applications so we can appoint someone in the summer.

**CHILTERN ART FESTIVAL:** The opening concert of the festival will be at St Mary's on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. This will be the Septura Brass Septet celebrating the work of female composers. Tickets online at [chilternarts.com/festival](http://chilternarts.com/festival) or phone 01442 920303.

**CTR LENT COURSE:** A joint lent study course, using the book 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. 'What does it mean to be human and a follower of Jesus?' 7.30pm in the Chapter House on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March. All welcome.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Winter Sermon Series: 'Relationships Matter'**  
**Readings: 1 Samuel 18: 1-4; 20:12-17, 41-42, John 1:35-42**

**8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with children's groups  
**3.00pm** CTR Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St John's, Lacey Green

### **What's on in the week beginning Monday 20th January**

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>** **8.30am** Morning Prayer in St Mary's  
**9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee  
**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** **2.00pm** Praise & Play in the Chapter House

**Sunday 26th January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Winter Sermon Series: 'All People'**  
**Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 1-11; 32-50, Matthew 4: 12-23**

**8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with breaking of bread and children's groups

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:** This is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and to mark the day there will be an evening service of prayer, 'Stand Together' at All Saints Church, High Wycombe at 7.30pm. Info from [barbara@sampsons.org.uk](mailto:barbara@sampsons.org.uk)

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