



Connection

Sunday 27th December 2020
First Sunday of Christmas



Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading: 1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Reading: John 21: 19b-end

After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Requests for Prayers

If there is someone or something that you would like to pray for please email us at eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com



Please continue to pray for the ill and isolated, frontline, hospital and medical staff and for all those who are in any kind of need.

Those who are sick: Roy and Margaret Putnam, Richard Clements, Christopher Frith, Edward Bunn, Brian Bolam

We continue to pray for: Don Dufty, Percy and Sharon Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt, Mary Doney

Those in residential care: Sheila Bigland-Gibbons, Barbara Milton, Rita Sheppy

Those who have died and their families: Brian Druce, Charles Brazier, Nils Wilkes, Simon Flynn, Doreen Byrd, Geoff Relph, Revd Margie Schutte

Anniversary of a death: Please pray for those who have lost loved ones this year and who will be without them this Christmas

Church Services this Sunday 27th December

9.00am St Michael's, Great Comberton

10.30am St John the Baptist, Beckford

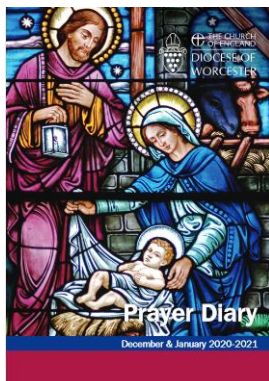


The Rota for January 2021

| Date | Church | Time | Minister |
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| 3 rd January | Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton | 9.00am | tbc |
| | St Mary's, Elmley Castle | 10.30am | Canon Roger Spiller |
| | Holy Trinity, Eckington | 10.30am | Bishop Michael Hooper |
| 10 th January | St Peter's Chapel, Besford | 9.00am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| | St Faith's, Overbury | 10.30am | Bishop Martin Gorick |
| | St Giles', Bredon | 10.30am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| 17 th January | St Michael's, Bricklehampton (Morning Prayer) | 9.00am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| | Holy Trinity, Eckington | 10.30am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| | St Nicholas', Teddington | 10.30am | Reverend Doug Chaplin |
| 24 th January | St James' Defford | 9.00am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| | St Giles', Bredon | 10.30am | Reverend Catherine Lack |
| | St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill | 10.30am | Reverend Allison Davies |
| 31 st January | United Service, St Mary's Elmley Castle | 10.30am | Reverend Allison Davies |

News from the Diocese

Prayers and diocesan news can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk



Reverend Allison Davies

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