



All Saints, Mudeford



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The Parish of Mudeford

Weekly News Sheet



High Cross Somerford

Sunday 24th January 2021

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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The Wedding Feast at Cana

Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

I wonder what fills you with joy. I have enjoyed reading about those receiving their Covid vaccine and their feelings of joy, relief and hope that they may soon be able to live a fuller life, free from many of the restraints they have known this last year. A fuller life, a freer life, an abundant life.

I wonder what reaction you have to the reading of the wedding feast at Cana.

This was the first of Jesus' signs; John calls them signs rather than miracles because he sees them not only as supernatural feats but also but as significant acts which tell us something about Jesus and his mission from God.

In one sense it is rather a puzzling act turning water into wine and is quite different from Jesus' other acts of healing people who were very ill or severely disabled.

In view of the quantity and quality of the wine that Jesus provided, around 150 gallons of wine, more than they could possibly drink, Jesus was not merely meeting a need but doing so abundantly and extravagantly.

Why do people drink wine at celebrations? A little wine enhances the social gathering, it enlivens and augments our enjoyment. The prophets talked about the messianic age when the mountains shall drip sweet wine and the hills shall flow with it. In the messianic age there will not only be adequate provisions but there will be an abundance of that which enhances life.

Perhaps this is why the miracle of the wine in Cana was the first sign. Jesus was declaring that the messianic age had arrived and he was demonstrating the extravagant abundant provision for our salvation; it would indeed cost his very life. Salvation is not only about putting right what is wrong, healing wounds, forgiving hurts but also about making what is good even better. Jesus not only shares our sorrows and bears our burdens but he also shares our joys and makes them even greater.

This wonderful miracle of turning water into wine is a sign of a greater miracle, that of a life which receives its life from God, the source of all life. May we not settle for the ordinary life but seek to live our whole lives in God, with God and for God as we look forward to the eternal heavenly wedding feast.

Rev Anne Jablonski

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

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Online Service for 24th January from 7am Holy Communion

Sermon: Rev Anne Jablonski

Reading Rev 19: 6-10 by Anne Smith

Gospel reading John 2: 1-11

Prayers with Pauline Williams

Online Service from 7am Sundays

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofmudeford/> and on You Tube Channel.

Both of these can be accessed from our web site at www.allsaintsmudeford.org

Retirement:

Anne and I are announcing that we will be retiring from our posts as Priest-in-Charge and Associate Priest of the Parish of Mudeford on 31st May 2021. You have been such an inspiring and welcoming church and we have been delighted to help lead you during our time with you. You are such a blessing to the local community and to each other. This is sooner than we had originally intended but I have not been well throughout the year and my coughing is continuing. It has somewhat concentrated our minds. This has severely limited the extent that I have not been able to phone you in recent weeks. We are sorry that we have had to announce this via the news sheet and not in person, but it seemed the most effective means. Please remember the churchwardens and PCC in your prayers in the coming months. Every blessing for the future. Andrew and Anne

In our Parish

We continue to ask for God's healing presence in the lives of those who are unwell, those in hospital and those waiting for treatment.

We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Canon Patrick, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, Angela, Robert, Stephen, Betty, John, Joan, Michelle, Diana, Richard and Brenda.

We pray for the Faithful Departed and all those who mourn. We remember all those suffering from Covid 19 especially those known to us and those who care for them. We pray for all those who are suffering from loneliness and anxiety because of the current restrictions. May we always be aware of those in need and offer help when needed.

We pray that the vaccination process will give hope to many people and pray for all those working to distribute it throughout the country.

We continue to pray for our missionary links around the world. We hold in our prayers especially: The girls in The House of Joy, the people of Kinkiizi, the Julius and Dora Children's Centre in Kenya, Chris & Veronica Padayachee our CMS link partners. We pray the work of St Francis Hospital, Zambia. We also remember Jeremy Nash and the people of Burkina Faso in West Africa.

A special prayer for Anne & Andrew as they prepare for their retirement. We thank God for their special ministry among us over the last few years and pray that they may look forward to many joys and blessings in their retirement.



Pastoral Care:

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If you are in need of shopping please get in contact with us to help arrange for someone to contact you. If you are able to shop for someone please let us know.

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Revd Anne Jablonski 01425 240018

MISSION POT:

This month (January) the Government is doubling all contributions made to Practical Action, so please continue to support this very worthwhile charity. Whilst working in Zambia, I have seen a number of projects organised by Practical Action, from providing clean water in very remote communities to methods of improving crop growth. They are all simple schemes which the local people adopt for themselves to improve their standard of living".

You can send a donation to All Saints Church or you can text money through directly. Thank you.

FINANCE: Please may I ask for your continued financial support. Please send donations in cash or cheque to me Tony Eden at, 3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BH23 3LD making cheques payable to "The PCC of Mudeford.". If you use the BACS system you can send donations directly to the following account:

The PCC of Mudeford, Sort Code: 52-21-34, Account no: 03060012

Reference: please use your name as reference.

We are truly grateful for all the support that we have been given this year, which has enabled us to continue paying our bills. We hope that we can continue to do this in 2021. Thank you very much.

Church Closure.

We are sorry that we have had to decide to keep the church closed for public worship due to the pandemic and the rapid increase in the virus in Mudeford and the surrounding area.

The PCC will have another special meeting on 2nd February to review the situation. This is in line with our neighbouring Anglican churches.

We will be continuing to post services, prayers and "Messy Church" items on line.

Leprosy Mission

Today is World Leprosy Day when we remember people around the world suffering from Leprosy. The Christian Leprosy Mission's project this year is for Community Hubs in Mozambique where villagers can get treatment and education about leprosy. The UK Gov match funding scheme is from today until 24th April, so the mission pot at church will be for this cause during March.

Improved lighting and new audio visual system coming to All Saints Church

A scheme to improve the lighting and provide a new Audio Visual system in the church has been given the go ahead. During February the contractors will be making the final plans to start work, which we hope will commence in March.

When finished, the scheme will enable services to be filmed live and sent out on Facebook and YouTube. This is a very exciting development and presents many new possibilities for the way we worship. More details will appear in the February magazine.

Date for your diary

Lent Course. Our Lent course this year will be "Trees in the Bible". Revd Stephen Startup has prepared 6 sessions which will probably start around Tuesday 23rd February (Ash Wednesday is on 17th February). The study considers six trees which illustrate God's plan of salvation. So if you have any photos, drawings, paintings or poems on trees, each week there will be space to have a look at some of these. The course will be available both on line and in paper version. If anyone wants a paper version please call Judy or Tony on 473003. 01202



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collect the items from
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Cards by Rachel Nash

Rachel is still selling her beautiful greetings cards with profits going to Burkino Faso. Her email address is

rachel.nash.cards@gmail.com

She delivers to your door or you can pick them up at Pauline's

Our Vision for Mission

This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.