

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

14th January 2018

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

Readings for Today

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3. 1 - 10

Second Reading: Revelation 5. 1 - 10 Gospel: John 1. 43 – end

THE CALL OF GOD

It is thought that the Nathaniel mentioned in John's Gospel is actually Bartholomew, known with a different name, in the same way Peter is also known as Simon. It is Nathaniel, of course, whom Jesus saw under the fig tree in John ch 1, and calls him, along with Philip, to follow him. Apart from Jesus' character assessment, that in Nathaniel there is nothing false, we know very little. Nathaniel appears again at the end of John's Gospel at the post-resurrection breakfast on the beach; and in the Book of Acts he is listed as being there at the ascension of Jesus. What we do know, is his faithful discipleship and trueness of character is identified by Jesus, but apart from that there is relative obscurity. This itself might have something to teach us about the nature of discipleship: we are each called to live a life of discipleship, but most of us will not have our names in flashing lights or get added to the Anglican Church's commemoration of special saints. Our task is to point to Jesus, not to ourselves: if we forget that, we are in trouble. This passage is all about call and how we respond. Nathaniel marvels that Jesus saw him under the fig tree and calls him 'Son of God.' It is a moment of revelation, and one that will change his life forever. But let's also not forget Philip, who is the evangelist that brings Nathaniel to Jesus. His 'Come and see' message is what we need to give as a church. It is through us, the disciples of Jesus, that new disciples are made. God's work through us: how will we respond to that call?

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SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

10am Sung Eucharist
President: Revd Helen Bailey Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

Hymns: 626, 233, 308 (*i*), 470

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer
Office: Reader Linda Jarvis

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd Ann Morris

Hymns: 163 omit *v, 391, 411, 233 *tune 1*

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Non Eucharist
Second Sunday Team

NOTICES –

RECTOR'S NEW POST - The Rector has announced that she has accepted a new post as vicar of Broadstone in the Diocese of Salisbury. She is sad to be moving on, but pleased about the new appointment. Her licensing takes place in Broadstone on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend that service. Distance and the time of service may make that hard, but should anyone be interested in more details or intends coming, do email Helen at revdhelenbailey@gmail.com so she can let the new parish know for catering purposes.

LOST – an item of jewellery has been found at church. Please contact Christine – Church Office. Tel: 01453 889004.

PRAYING THROUGH EPIPHANY are available at the back of church. These are free - do please take one. It can also be downloaded at <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2017/advent-resources-2017>.

GEORGE PEARCE HOUSE – Holy Communion at George Pearce house has been cancelled this month on Thursday January 25. Please note the next Holy Communion is on Thursday February 22 at 10am.

6P'S APPEAL - Many thanks go to Nick Miles, the builder, and the different sub-contractors, who between them worked hard to ensure that the church was open for Advent and the Christmas season albeit without the new stone floor. From the December 8 to December 25th an estimated 2,080 people attended a variety of functions in the church. The capacity was fully tested at the Cribb service, the school's Carol service, the two Stuart Singers concerts and the one Cappella Singers. The warmth and comfort in church was much remarked upon. The laying of the new stone floor starts on January 3. Up until Easter the main church building will be closed during the week, except for funerals and open for services at weekends. Improvements to the Entrance Porch and the Sound System are next on the agenda: the fund raising and grant applications continue. If you have any queries please do let us know. Thank you. The Church Wardens – Howard Browning and Mandy Jutsum.

CHURCH SERVICES - From January there will be no access to the main church building except for the Sunday 10am service and funerals. The stone masons are working to complete the laying of the limestone slabs by Easter and the builders, carpenters and electricians the same. Arrangements are in place for the church sound and loop systems to be reinstalled as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience at this time.

CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAYS - Seating arrangements for the services on Sunday will vary from week to week as the laying of the stone floor progresses. Please bear with us! In principle chairs will be linked in threes to allow for a slight curve in each row, along with stability combined with stackability (the chairs can be stacked in threes). Stability will be increased by the hymn book holders which will be placed between chairs. 5% of the chairs have arms and are at the end of each row for easy access for the people who have expressed a need for arms. **Please avoid sitting in these chairs if you don't need to.**

CHAIR AND CHOIR STAND SPONSORSHIP - 9 out of 12 choir stands @ £812-50 per stand have been sponsored and 250 of the 300 chairs @ £210 a chair. Thank you to all sponsors for this huge amount of generosity. Just 3 choir stands and 50 chairs to go! The chair leaflet is available on line, in the Porch room, in Church or from the Church Office: Plaques are £10 each and part sponsorship is welcome. mandyjutsum@btinternet.com 01453 882477

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE YEAR – a sign up list offering Sunday morning Intercessions in Church will be place on the notice board.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK AND CHURCHES TOGETHER are pleased to let you know that we are having coffee together at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton on SUNDAY JANUARY 21. We hope that some members of the Baptist Church and those in the Amberley, Box and Minchinhampton churches will be able to gather together around 11.15am, after the 10am service. We look forward to seeing you there, to celebrate our connections.

AMBERLEY SCOUT GROUP – Burns Night and Supper and Quiz on Saturday January 27 at Amberley Parish Rooms. Bar and raffle. Tickets - £12.50 per person. Available from January 3. Phone Coral Rice – 872124 or Jenny Varley - 832251

THIS WEEK

8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Lady Chapel, Parish Church
5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

17TH WED 8am Eucharist, St Barnabas, Box
 11am Eucharist (BCP) – Porch Room
 2.30pm Wednesday Cuppa
 7pm Mothers Union Meeting – Porch Room

19TH FRI 5.30pm Junior Choir Practice – Porch Room
 6pm Adult Choir Practice – Parish Church
 7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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