

Please remember in your prayers

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



DCC Meeting – Change of date

The next meeting of the DCC will now take place at 7.45pm on **Tuesday 16th January.**

United Service

Next Sunday (21st January) there will be a United Service at 6.30pm at St Nicholas' Church.

The service will include presentations from the churches of Codsall and Bilbrook – St Nicholas', St Christopher's, Holy Cross and Trinity Methodist. Do join us if you can.



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Holy Cross Church

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Sunday 14th January
Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Sunday Club

10.45am Sung Eucharist & Baptism

Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas.

Revd Huw Bishop will be preaching and conducting the Baptism

We welcome into our family through Baptism

Evie Tilley

Please pray for Evie,

for her parents, and for her Godparents

Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the Eucharist.

Hymns for Sung Eucharist

Introit: **313** Lord of all hopefulness

Gradual: **235** I, the Lord of sea and sky

Offertory: **106** Dear Lord and Father

Communion: **Choir** The Lord bless you and keep you
(Rutter)

428 Purify my heart

Recessional: **405** One more step

Sunday 14th January 10.45am

Welcomers: Jean H, Malcolm

Reader: Carole

Prayers: Mark

Offertory: Gill, Mary, Victor

Assist: Janet, Carole

Pebble Pool: Andrea

Sunday 21st January 8am

Sides, Offertory, Assist: Malcolm

Reader: Carole

Sunday 21st January 10.45am

Welcomers: Ruth, Gill

Reader: Mike

Prayers: Jo

Offertory: Grace, June, Rebecca

Assist: Rebecca, Mike

Pebble Pool: Janet

This Week

Mon	15	
Tues	16	2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist 7.45pm DCC Meeting
Wed	17	11am Funeral of Win Poulton (in church) 2pm Prayer Session 'Christian Unity' 6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	18	9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In 7.30pm Confirmation Course 7.30pm Churches Together Mtg (St C)
Fri	19	12noon Eucharist
Sat	20	10am Place of Welcome
Sun	21	8am Eucharist 10.30am Sunday Club 10.45am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm United Service (St Nicholas's)

Second Sunday of Epiphany

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3.1–10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

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.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 5.1–10

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can

open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 1.43–51

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

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.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

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.