

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 28 January 2018

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COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18.15–20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses spoke to the people; he said: 15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 16 This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' 17 Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. 19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20 But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die.'

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**



Responsorial Psalm 111

Response: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them. His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures for ever. **R** He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He showed his people the power of his works in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure. **R** They stand fast for ever and ever; they are done in truth and equity. He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it; his praise endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 12.1–5a

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth

pangs, in the agony of giving birth. 3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL Mark 1.21–28

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, John entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' 26 And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

PRaise TO YOU O CHRIST

POST COMMUNION

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LyCiG Prayer

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit
to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome—this sheet is for you to take away and use as well!

Worship in the Benefice today... Epiphany 4

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP—FrMac

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion with RnS—FrMac

1100 **Felmersham** Choral Matins-LLW Rosemary

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Janet

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church

Tuesday—Lesser Festival-Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

Wednesday—Commemoration- John Bosco, 1888

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 5th Wed BCP**

Thursday—Commemoration-Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

Friday—Principal Festival-Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The festival is being kept on Sunday

Saturday—Lesser Festival-Anskar, 865

1200 Sharnbrook Wedding

1400 Session 1 -**Local Study Course** Session 1

Next Sunday morning—Candlemas

1100 **Felmersham** Benefice Candlemas Celebration for all

1730 **St Paul's Church Bedford**—Candlemas Flowers Celebration—

we are going to join in the celebrations at the St Paul's flower festival where The St Peter's Flower Guild have made a display at the Font

"I will retire as the co-ordinator for the Children's Society House Box Holders with effect from this year; after more than twenty five years.

In this time I have been pleased with the support both within St Peter's and our village. Essentially it involves house collection boxes distributed, collected once a year, totalled up and banked. Please will you include this item in our Pew Notices, inviting prospective co-ordinators to speak with me.



Intercessions

The sick and in need: Barbara, Sally, Martin, Mary, Linda, Marjorie, Doreen, David, Angela & Rose

The Departed: Pauline Mullen, Sarah Watson

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector

Pray for the start of the LyCiG Local Study Programme on Saturday

Pray for the LyCiG leaders and each other as we attend to work for the growth of our churches

Thanksgiving for a good trip to Calpino to take part in the WOPCU events



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!

Starting this week the LyCiG Local Study Course

Main Session 1: Saturday 3 February 2pm

hosted at Felmersham school

Main Session 2: Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm

hosted at Souldrop

Main Session 3: Saturday 24 February 2pm-3:30pm

hosted in St Peter's Room

Leaders Session 2: Tuesday 27 February 7:30pm The Rectory

LyCiG Diocesan Day 3 March 9:30am-3pm

at The Rufus Centre, Flitwick MK45 1AH

– 10 places booked for the Benefice – cost free

Main Session 4: Friday 9 March 7:30pm

hosted at Felmersham school

Main Session 5: Tuesday 20 March 7:30pm

hosted at Souldrop

Main Session 6: Saturday 21 April 2pm-3:30pm

hosted in St Peter's Room

This study course is for all who come to church to help us work together in growing our churches.



At our Candlemas Celebration we finish our Christmastide festivities as we recall Jesus being taken to the temple and offered to God.

We especially pray today for all old people who long to see God alive in their lives.

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Sponsorship: in memory of all our loved ones lost to our sight in Christmas & Epiphany season. +May they rest in peace

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