

St Andrew's Church

Epiphany II

Pew sheet for 15th January 2023.

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Hugh

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 89 399 643 743 798

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

1 Corinthians 1;1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship
of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

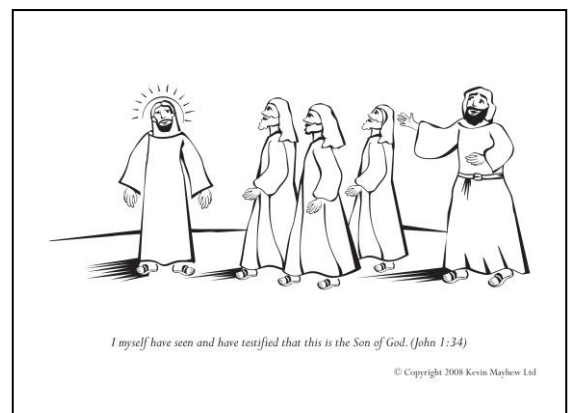
Gospel

John 1 29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say



this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: John Beards, Mary Sutton, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Richard and Cindie Hale, Sheila Bott, Jo, Dave and baby Alfie, Linda, Loren Haigh, Nancy Forbes, T Clarke, Steadford Clarke, Pat B, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Janet H, Deb Jones, Sue Higgins, Gary, Phil, and Martin Slater.

Recently died: Marinela Pinto

Anniversary of death: Dennis Hall, Solomon Miller, Syd Shearman, Penny Fleming, Joan Walter, Noel Kennaby.

Psalm 40

Out of life's quagmire I was rescued –
this is my song, my tale to tell:
hearing how you, Lord, answered my prayer,
others will honour you as well.
Blessed are those who choose to trust you,
leaving all other gods behind;
unnumbered miracles of mercy
such folk are privileged to find.

Should I rely on ritual offerings?
Would they be all that you require?
Have you not written life's instructions?
Your will, my God, is my desire!
You see my willingness to witness –
how could I hide your word away?
Love must be central to my lifestyle,
truth at the heart of all I say.

Yet, Lord, again I cry for mercy:
may truth and love enfold my life –
more sins are mine than I can number;
my days are seldom free of strife:
come quickly, Lord – my foes pursue me;
Show them how sin will bring them shame.
You are my rescuer and helper –
with all your saints I praise your name.

Martin E. Leckebusch