



ST. MARGARET, BINSEY ♦
ST. FRIDESWIDE, OSNEY

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, BOTLEY ♦
ST. LAWRENCE, NORTH HINKSEY

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NOTICES

24th January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 14. 17-20

Psalm 128

[Revelation 19. 6-10]

John 2. 1-11

Dear Friends,

Gospel – John 2, 1-11

Jesus did this, the first of his signs..... and revealed his glory.

Don't we all sometimes wish we could turn water into wine, a figure of speech we apply to all sorts of situations and which comes from the story of the wedding at Cana in this Sunday's gospel reading? Right now, we might well wish to turn the water of our pandemic existence - lock-down, not getting out or seeing our friends and family - into the wine of normal life and get on with the party.

Jesus's transformation of the water into wine shows his compassion for the family who would otherwise have been socially disgraced by running out of wine at the wedding feast. It is also the first of many "signs" in John's gospel which John uses to build up towards the climax in Jerusalem. They are moments when heaven and earth meet and foretell the transformation of the whole world through God's eternal love.

As I write, even the weather seems to be conspiring to make us feel downhearted and difficult to see the good in the world, but it is there, all around us. Jesus's signs revealed his glory to his disciples. Now, the signs of the coming spring remind us that whenever we think we have come to the last of the wine, God is renewing His creation, whilst the start of vaccinations promises that, eventually, we will be able to join each other in worship and fellowship.

We can't turn water into wine but we can live within the story and its meaning – that our faithful living, our prayer and witness will be as new wine poured into our hearts, and that we may show the joy and peace of God's kingdom to all we meet.

With best wishes,

John

General Notices

St Frideswide with Binsey

Reflection group: Mondays 2000-2100h

During the current lock-down we would like to try meeting more often.

We've therefore decided to meet on the following Mondays

Jan 25th

Feb 1st

Feb 8th

Feb 15th

We'll use the Sykes book and send out pdfs

Please contact Jo (joanna.poulton@wrh.ox.ac.uk) or Anne Andrews (annendrews@googlemail.com) if you would like to be put on the circulation list. We are delighted to welcome newcomers and anyone wanting to join for a single or a handful of meetings. Quaker rules apply, no need to say anything.

North Hinksey with Botley

In October last year the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, reached the required 50 state signatures for its entry into national law 90 days later. It is a cause of sadness to many that neither the UK nor any of the other four acknowledged nuclear armed states have signed the treaty. The TPNW becomes law on 22nd January, cementing a categorical ban on the use of nuclear weapons on the signatories 75 years after their first use on Japan.

The Anglican Pacifist fellowship, of which we are members, is asking as many church bells as possible to be rung at noon on Friday 22nd January in celebration of peace. The bell at St. Peter & St. Paul will be rung and as we pray for peace, we also give fond & grateful thanks for the life of Sidney & Elsie Hinkes, staunch members of APF who would have been happy to see this day.

Janet and Philip Budd.

O God, whose will is
to fold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let your great love
repair the damage of our strife and sorrows;
and give peace to the nations,
peace to your Church,
peace in our homes
and peace in our hearts;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Prayer, Virtue and Discipleship – Keys to Pastoral Ministry

Set online over three Mondays: 25th January, 1st & 8th February 2021 6pm-9pm this new course run by the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Boars Hill aims to enrich the pastoral ministry of participants and to make accessible to them the formative wisdom of Christian mystics and spiritual masters. The short course is therefore, suitable for a wide range of people: those who work in pastoral settings (hospitals, chaplaincies, prisons, in ministry) and those who are simply interested in understanding more about the spiritual life and pastoral ministry. Course fee £75 contact ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk

Worship at Home and in Church

Worship this week – Sunday 17th January

Sunday: St. Frideswide: 8.30am BCP HC in person
St Peter & St Paul: 9.30 am Eucharist *on zoom*
St. Frideswide: 10.30am Eucharist in person
St Frideswide: 5.00pm Evening worship *on zoom*

Monday: **Conversion of St. Paul**
St Peter & St Paul: 9.30am Morning Prayer *on zoom*

Wednesday: St Peter & St Paul: 9.30am Eucharist *on zoom*

Friday: St Peter & St Paul: 9.30am Morning Prayer *on zoom*

See below for the zoom links

Online Worship

Sundays:

9.30am The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82160489790?pwd=aHBZanIDUHdrdmtpeXRBZXNiRGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6048 9790 Passcode: 41Q3i2

5.00pm Evening Prayer via Zoom, hosted by St Frideswide, Contact Kate

Mondays:

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom contact John Clements

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77244551882?pwd=RFZNYW9zalZQbiswSE5TR0VTOXBPUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 4455 1882 Passcode: 8rgsT2

Wednesdays:

9.30am The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87361180196?pwd=aW1SNS8zbHJ5c3V4ZIRGK25McXBDQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 6118 0196

Passcode: TG19dV

Fridays:

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom contact Clare

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84176800013?pwd=OTFYQmwzRTEwOVNxUTRCcnpLMmtSQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7680 0013

Passcode: CL3YtN

For the Zoom Eucharist, the text is attached and is also available in hard copy from porch at St. Peter and St. Paul. If you would like a hard copy, but do not want to come out to collect it, please let Clare know and we can deliver one to you.

If you can get on-line and would like help to get Zoom set up, *please* ask one of us.

For members of St Frideswide's congregation our WhatsApp daily prayer will continue, please ask Kate to be added to the group.

Church at Home service every Sunday at 10am <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

The '**Daily Hope Line**'. Is a free phone line: 0800 804 8044. This has been set up particularly for those who are unable to join any on-line church services.

YouTube channel for the Osney Benefice can be found at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99_EwpRaLL_dtCH4HoPg?view_as=subscriber.

If you are participating in on-line worship, here is a prayer that you can use when the elements of bread and wine are shared:

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

May all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer

but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes

when with your saints, I may praise you for ever.

Amen.

Daily Prayer and Readings for Week Commencing Monday 25th January

Mon:	Conversion of St Paul Psalm 146; Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tues:	Psalm 132; Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Wed:	Psalm 81; Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thurs:	Psalm 76; Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Fri:	Psalm 27; Hosea 1.1-2.1; 1 Corinthians 8
Sat:	Psalm 122; Hosea 2.2-17; 1 Corinthians 9.1-14

Please pray for:

- President Biden and new Administration in the USA
- For the peace of the world
- For the unity of the Church
- For all suffering with Covid-19 and those who care for them
- For the families of Annette Duckham RIP and Bill Howell RIP

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