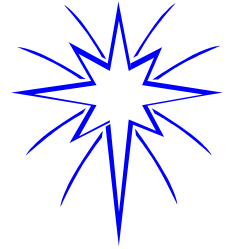


**St Peter's Church
Belton w Wardley**

PARISH NOTES



**14th January 2018
Second Sunday of Epiphany**

(White)

*A very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.
All Christians who are full members of any denomination are
invited to receive Communion; or if not a communicant,
to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

*If you are visiting, please take our greetings back to your church, or
if you have recently moved into the area, please make yourself known
to our priest, the Revd. Canon Rachel Watts, or a churchwarden.*

Please take these Parish-Notes home

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

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

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⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2. 1-10

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel: Matthew 3. 13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Please remember in your prayers:

We remember in our prayers the victims of war, terrorist attacks, and natural disasters across the world. Nearer to home we remember all those known to us in need of help and assistance.

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.

Amen

Hymns:

- 427 O praise ye the Lord
- 456 Teach me, my God and King
- 475 Ye holy angels bright

***Please join us for tea / coffee
after the service***



Forthcoming Services & Events

Date	Location	Time	Service / Event
14 th January Second Sunday of Epiphany	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (cw)
Wednesday 17 th January	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Service (said)
21 st January Third Sunday of Epiphany	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (bcp)
Wednesday 24 th January	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Service (said)
	Sun Inn Belton	7:30 PM	PCC Meeting
Friday 26 th January	Belton House Care Home	2:00 PM	Holy Communion
28 th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (cw)

bcp = Book of Common Prayer

cw = Common Worship

*You could advertise
your community event
on this page*

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