

Daily Readings for next week...

Monday Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	Genesis 6: 11-7:10 Matthew 24: 1-14
Tuesday Agnes, child martyr, 304	Genesis 7: 11-end Matthew 24: 15-28
Wednesday Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304	Genesis 8: 1-14 Matthew 24: 29-end
Thursday	Genesis 8: 15-9:7 Matthew 25: 1-13
Friday Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1662	Genesis 9:8-19 Matthew 25: 14-30
Saturday Conversion of Saint Paul	Ezekiel 3: 22-end Philippians 3: 1-14
Next Sunday Epiphany 3	Isaiah 9: 1-4
	1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
	Matthew 4: 12-23

Service Times for next week:

Sunday 10.00 Parish Communion

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Items for inclusion to the Vicar by Tuesday of each week please.

**Holy Trinity &
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Ronkswood**

Epiphany 2



**Our hymns and readings for Parish Communion today
19th January 2020**

- 552** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
- 716** We have a gospel to proclaim
- 165** Father of heaven whose love profound
- 350** **Jesus good above all other**
- 419** Lord the light of your love is shining

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel John 1: 29-42

PCC Meeting Wednesday 22nd January 7.30 p.m.

At Meadow Court

“Three Baltic States by Bicycle”: Thursday 13th February

7.00 p.m. in Lincoln Green Lounge. Illustrated travel talk by Penny. Tickets £5 (including light refreshments) from Penny 01905-351468

Skittles & Ploughman's Supper: Friday 21st February

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. At The Punch Bowl Tickets £5.00 from Penny

Film Night “Grease”: Friday 13th March 7.00 p.m.

In Lincoln Green Lounge. Appropriate dressing up is encouraged (but optional) Refreshments and a Raffle. More details soon!

Afternoon Tea: Saturday 21st March. In Lincoln Green Lounge to celebrate Mothering Sunday. More details soon!

Make a note of it...

The Collect for today

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.

Please pray for ...

In our Parish: Humber Road and Old Medway Road.



Those who are sick or in special need:

Sally Bozward, Katie-Louise Sweetlove, Pam Pincott, Sue Gilchrist, Chris Southall, Bryn Roberts, Evelyn Clarke, Shane Williams, Pat Williams, Heather Elsdon, Dorothy Goodwin, Brian Tansell.

Those who have died:

Diocesan Open Conversations.

Join the conversation about how ministry is shaped in the future.

"I hope and pray that these open conversations will be a real chance for a wide range of people to engage in the issues currently affecting our church, so that together we can work out ways to move forward towards our Kingdom vision and enable God's Church in Worcestershire and Dudley to thrive."
Bishop John

"It is vital that as many people as possible take part—this will affect all of us." Rob

Future dates at locations near us:

Thursday 30 January, 2 – 4.30pm, The Old Palace, Worcester,

Tuesday 4 February, 2 – 4.30pm, Catshill Social Club,

Meadow Road Bromsgrove. B61 0JJ

Tuesday 4 February, 7 – 9.15pm, Trinity Methodist Church,

Kidderminster, DY10 2JL

Just a thought...

Active watching can lead to new and exciting discoveries. For example, bird watchers pay close attention to every bird that comes into view. Because of their tireless attentiveness, sometimes a whole new species is discovered. In the gospel John the Baptist gives us another example of active watching. His attentiveness allowed him to recognise Jesus when he came into view. What John recognised about Jesus was surely something exciting and new. This One is the Lamb of God and the Son of God who will take away sin and baptise with the Holy Spirit. We can recognise this One too if we actively watch for him. We are able to see Jesus when we put on the mind of Christ. Our active watching, then, is a matter of living as Jesus did: when we see Jesus' face in the poor and needy, when we reach out a helping hand to those who are overburdened, when we encourage the discouraged. This is how we remain faithful to the mission God gave us. Indeed, actively watching for Jesus in the many people and myriad circumstances of our lives is our mission.

Party Invite

Saturday 25 January: To celebrate Chris Stand becoming fifty and a half years old, Chris, Andy and James are holding Open House between the hours of 10am and 12:30pm and 2pm to 4pm at the Vicarage, 11 Jasmine Close. All Welcome. (Please note there is limited parking on Jasmine Close, however, the Norton end of Norton Road usually has lots (SatNav users should use WR5 2PG which is Broomhall Green). To get from the Norton end of Norton Road to Jasmine Close you use the Norton Road Pedway, then turn left onto St Peter's Drive and then first left (through the Jasmine Walk Footpath) and you are there.)