

# Welcome to St David's on 29 January 2017

## Epiphany 4

President, Preacher The Revd Christopher Durrant, Bill Pattinson  
Readers Ann Watts, Keith Postlethwaite  
Prayers Robert Mitchell  
6pm Evening Prayer, Bill Pattinson

Hymns today: 27, 584, 448, 476

Traidcraft stall after the service today (thank you, Richard)

*Collect:* God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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



*Micah 6:1-8:* Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*1 Corinthians 1:18-31:* For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

*Post Communion Prayer:* 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

*Prayers:* John Coates, Kate, James Hurst, Patrick, Ron Coleman, Pat Coward; Please pray that +Sarah may be filled with peace, clarity, and gentleness as she begins her 'Bishops in Mission' visit to our Deanery, commencing on 2 Feb with her visit to our parish; remember too all those who generously give of themselves to visit the sick or housebound, offering comfort in pain and friendship in loneliness; especially ask God to continue to share His resilience and vigour with our Churchwardens Dave & Avril as they attentively and invisibly work to care for our church

*John 2:1-11:* On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*We commend to the peace of God:* Sennen Penberthy, Gertrude, Ian Cushing, Di Lofting, Joy Mitchell

## NOTICES:

**Next week The Revd Hannah Alderson will preside and preach**

**Next Edibles Stall: 19 Feb**

**Next Charity Collection (in aid of the St. David's Soup Evening): 5 March**

On 2 February THIS THURSDAY Bishop Sarah is coming to St David's for our 8am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel and for our 10:30am Thursday morning Eucharist. As part of the 'Bishops in Mission' initiative, she is coming to bless this successful expression of our church. Please come and worship with us, and meet Bishop Sarah

*Silent Prayer Group* with optional coffee/tea & conversation afterwards: alternate Tuesday & Thursday evenings (19:30 - 20:30), to be held on 7, 23 Feb, 7, 23 March, 4, 20 April in the Lady Chapel

*SPRING TERM Bible Study Group:* "The Gospel of Matthew". Thursday evenings (20:00-21:15), to be held (THIS THURSDAY) on 2 & 16 February at Ann's House; 2, 16, 30 March, 6 April at Iris' House

*If you would like to add a name to our Prayer Request list*, please speak with the clergy. We usually pray these names aloud during our weekly Thursday Eucharist. May God remember His mercy

*A three-choir concert at St David's* 7pm Saturday 25 March in aid of our Transformation Project and Hospiscare. Wyndham Singers, a local well respected choir with wide repertoire; The Rhythm of Life Choir based at The RD&E hospital, funky, fun and full of Life; the Four Strops, a Barber Shop quartet. Tickets £10 each or £15 for two to include a drink. Available at Exeter Visitor Centre Dix's Field or see Sue Holden, Emma White or Cathy Knowles after 9:30 am service on Sundays

**LENT READING GROUP:** the Confessions of St Augustine. You are invited to join with St. Michael's Church for this new Lent Group 7-8:30pm each Wednesday in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and 5 April. Come and encounter St Augustine in his own words. All are welcome for as few or as many sessions as you wish. Led by Oliver Nicholson. See Christopher Durrant if you're unsure and need to be encouraged to go

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