



St Francis of Assisi, Parkview

Diocese of Johannesburg
Anglican Church of Southern Africa



3 JANUARY 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

O God, by the leading of a star
You reveal your Son Jesus Christ to the gentiles;
grant that your church may be a light to the nations,
so that the whole world may come
to see the splendour of your glory;
through Jesus Christ, the Morning Star.

Amen



SUNDAY 3 JANUARY

READINGS FOR EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement **His Holiness Pope Francis**, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness, Archbishop **Bartholomew of Constantinople**, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; **Olav Fykse Tveit** The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; **Bishop Ivan M Abrahams**, General Secretary World Methodist Council; **The Reverend Chris Ferguson**, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and our Diocese, for **Thabo our Metropolitan** and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, for **Justin of Canterbury**, the Anglican Communion, and all Christians in the world.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD IN 2021

Jesus – the Prince of Peace - we pray for our world as we begin 2021 still besieged by Covid-19. We pray that you would transform our world: that in place of selfishness and hoarding by wealthy nations there would be selflessness and generosity, that in place of distortion and misinformation we will be guided by truth and integrity, that in place of suspicion and fear we can live with trust and confidence, that in place of scarcity and poverty we will know sufficiency and comfort, and that in place of war and destruction we will live in peace and harmony. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS:

Birthdays: Sunday 3: Eila Gunning; Duncan Holloway Tuesday 5: Zivanna Gaddin; Thomas Coggin; Louise Frahm Arp **Wednesday 6:** Louise Impey; Dale Nolan, Cynthia Botha **Thursday 7:** Robyn Whittaker; Ella Schonborn; Eunice Botha; John Austin; Michael Henderson **Friday:** Denise Craggs

Wedding Anniversaries: Tuesday 5: Matt and Jamie Bremmer

Families to be prayed for this week: Angelique and Nikki BLUMENTRITT; Bunty BOOYSEN; Cynthia and Eunice BOTHERA; Michael, Sharon and Kyle BOTHERA; Jodie BOTHERA

For those in need of prayer: John Alexander; Susan Alexander; Isaac Bergover; David Butler; Lucille Evans; Yvonne Franklin; Jane Hlela; June Impey; Irid Johnson; Wendy McConnell; Malcolm McDonald; Basil and Iris Meklis; Jane Pryor, Martin Pryor; Laurel Wozhele Muparadzi; Reginè Ndjibu; Alicia Siyasiya; Margi Strever; Cuthbert Tinavapi; Jacqui Zwambila, Amanda van Ryneveld; Cheryl, Travis and Zoe Williams and their family and for **those who have long-term needs:** Pat Cawthorn; Maria Frahm-Arp; Marilyn Gianadda; Joyce Halse; Elzett Mufamadi; Thandazo Ndlovu; Van Rooyen family; Wendy Price

Years Mind: Lydia Spratt

SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 3 8:30 am

January 10 8:30 am

on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt35PbtR_ZhmeLxXjQ3EIBg

SOME NOTICES

MOVEMENTS

Paul will be on leave December 29 to January 7

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 23 AND OPEN ON JANUARY 6

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Introit

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

At the Peace

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light
Thou its light, its joy, its crown
Thou its sun which goes not down
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our king

Recessional

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world

Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

What a year 2020 has been! We have known nothing like it in our lifetimes. So many unexpected and deeply challenging situations have swept through our lives leaving us quite disorientated. It feels as if the world has tilted on its axis, and although everything looks the same, we still, after all these months, have not yet adjusted.

A new year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. How much more is this the case when we look toward to 2021. Some of us may have just been through the most difficult year of our lives and fear that next year won't be much better. Others of us may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another and feel we are finally coming up for breath. And for yet others, the fresh calendar year holds the possibility for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to begin their process of healing.

Whatever our situation one truth rings clear amidst it all. We are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. Having just celebrated the birth of Jesus, this knowledge has the power to carry us into a fresh, new start. Immanuel, God is with us. Even with the world off-kilter, and though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

We are also not alone because we belong to each other in this family of St Francis. Among the most consistent comments I have heard this past year, has been how much belonging to St Francis has made a difference in peoples' lives even in this time of physical separation. We have held together. And we go into the New Year together. So, let us love one another more fiercely and more fully than ever before.

And let us love in prayer, in thought and in action, the world in which we live. For we live not for ourselves, but as Christ's disciples, we live for our world.

May God's love be your constant companion in 2021.

With love,
Paul.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)