

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion today, during which we will use the red service booklet and Eucharistic Prayer B which starts on page 22. I will add in some seasonal text at the relevant points so don't be too surprised if I appear to be leaving the printed order.

As you can see, work is progressing inside and I hope there will be a start on redecorating inside. When we do that, we will probably close the nave for a particular week and weekend, so the work can proceed with the minimum of disruption and reduce the time spent putting up and taking down the work towers. If that happens we will have to use the side door and the pews in the North transept.

For all who are PCC members, please remember that we have our PCC meeting here on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm. Please make every effort to come – hopefully the weather will not be too cold!

There has been a lot of illness in the parish and further afield, so rather than shake hands or indulge in a more familiar greeting at the Peace, I suggest that we exchange a verbal greeting. In that way we can perhaps limit the spread of germs, although it may be a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted!

The week of prayer for Christian Unity started on 18<sup>th</sup> January and a Churches Together service will be held at St Luke's Church, Sway at 3pm on 21<sup>st</sup> January to underline the significance of unity both within the Church of England and between different traditions. All are welcome to that service.

I am grateful to Gordon, Beth and Linda for leading the services today as I am attending a confirmation service at Beaulieu Abbey Church, when my son and daughter-in-law will be confirmed. Your prayers for their continued journey in faith will be very welcome. I will be back on the 21<sup>st</sup> January to lead 9.30am Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday is just over three weeks away! There will be an 11.30 service at St Mary's followed by a Lent Lunch and our initial gathering of the Lent Group. Anyone and everyone is welcome, but please let Pat, Andy or myself know so that numbers can be catered for.

As we move through Epiphany, let us remain focussed upon the light of Christ, ever present in our lives.

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**TODAY: THIRD SUNDAY of EPIPHANY 21 JAN 2018**

St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley : 8.00am Holy Communion  
St Mary's South Baddesley: 9.30pm Holy Communion  
St John's Boldre: 10.30am Family Service & Children's Club  
St Luke's Sway: 3.00pm Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity

**For Prayer This Week**

For all who are recovering from illness, accidents and operations.

**Rest in Peace:** Chris Grady, Patricia Gray (nee Burkmar), Marjorie Drodge

**Activities This Week**

Tue 23 Jan - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. Seated exercise to music at St Nicholas' Pilley & refreshment  
Wed 24 Jan - 10.30am Communion St Nicholas' Pilley + coffee  
Thu 25 Jan - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. As on Tuesdays

**NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH of EPIPHANY**

**28 JAN 2018**

St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley : 8.00am Holy Communion  
St Mary's South Baddesley: 9.30pm Matins  
St John's Boldre: 10.30am Holy Communion & Children's Club  
St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley 6.30pm Choral Evensong