

Please stay for tea/coffee in church after Mass.  
Welcome to Bishop Mike preaching the address today.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> of Year A**

**This week - Divine Office Psalter Week 2**

**Mon: St. Fursey**

9.30 Mass. (Heb.5 v. 1-10; Mark 2 v 18-22).  
Int: Church in East Anglia

**Tues: St. Anthony**

9.30 Mass. (Heb. 6 v. 10-20; Mark 2 v 23-28)  
Int: Religious Orders  
10.30-12.30 Coffee/Tea/Soup/Cakes etc. in Church

**Wed: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS.**

9.30 Mass. (Eph. 4 v. 1-6; John 17 v. 20-26)  
Int: Christian Unity

**Thurs:** 9.30 Mass. (Heb 7 v. 25- 8 v. 6; Mark 3 v. 7-12)  
Int: Christian Unity

**Fri: St. Sebastian**

9.30 Mass (Heb. 8 v. 6-13; Mark 3 v. 13-19)  
Int: Christian Unity  
11.30 Funeral Service for Peter Wyatt

**Sat: St. Agnes**

10.00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday  
Readings as on Sunday  
Int: Christian Unity.  
3.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Year A**

9.30 Parish Mass and Address  
(Is. 8 v.23-9 v. 3; 2 Cor.1 v.10-13; v.17; Matt. 4 v.12-23)  
11.30 P.C.C. in Church over Shared Lunch.

**NOTICES:**

1. The Crib Appeal for Christian Aid raised £1006.14, Gift Aid will add another £107.25, making a total of £1113.39. Thanks to Val for organising and to all who gave.
2. The Sockbank for St Martin's Housing Trust had a total of 155 pairs of socks, 30 pairs of gloves, 21 scarves, 49 hats and lots of bedding, clothing and duvets. Thanks to Graham and Anita for organising and taking it all to Norwich. (There was also £212.23 for St Martin's collected when Santa visited the village with the carol singers.
3. Thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully at Christmass and to all who helped make Plough Sunday such a good occasion last week.
4. Volunteers needed to make soup and cakes and help at Tuesday coffee please.

**THEME:** Jesus fulfils the longings of God's people. He is the light of the nations, He brings salvation and He takes away sin. Let us ask that our sins be taken away as we prepare, once again, to receive our Saviour.

**Entrance Hymn:** 300 v 1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us Lord, for the times we have failed to be true servants of God by relying on our own strength. Lord have mercy.

**People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** *Ukrainian setting*).

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times we have said 'Here am I Lord' but have failed to do Your will. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times we have failed to respond to Your Spirit within us by our sins. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

BISHOP MIKE PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**Gloria "Sanctus setting".** Words on laminated card.

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray to our Father for the gift of peace.* Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers, and show us the way to peace in the world.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 49 v. 3, 5 and 6.** The prophet Isaiah proclaims that the Messiah is to be the light of the nations so that salvation may reach all people.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 40 @ Here I am Lord! I come to do Your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and He stooped down to me;

He heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God @

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, Here am I. @

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God I delight in your law

In the depth of my heart. @

Your justice I have proclaimed

in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. @

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 v 1-3** Paul addresses his troublesome Church at Corinth and even the troublesome Church is holy.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Hymn:** 300 v 4

Acclamation: **(All) Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: John 1 v 29-34** John the Baptist recognises Jesus as the Chosen Son of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**ADDRESS We welcome Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich**

**CREED – Nicene** Page 7 of Hymn Book

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** God has called us in Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. We make our prayers confident that he will grant us the graces necessary for our Christian mission.

**Reader:** Lord, you have chosen each one of us by name; we are all your servants; teach us to do your will in loving obedience.

Lord, encourage us to serve our fellow men with sincere and generous hearts.

Let us pray for Christian Unity, may we understand that differences can only be finally resolved by a common desire to proclaim Jesus.

May the unity of the Church be founded by love and understanding. Gather us together through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for this assembly. Like the Corinthians, called to take a place among the saints, may we be found faithfully serving God.

Lord, remember all sick and disabled people who are bearing witness to you in a special way - encourage them and strengthen them, especially in difficult times. We pray for all anointed at our healing service last Thursday. We pray for Marjorie Rousseau, Eric Baully, Brenda Walker, James Hilton, and all remembered at Shrine Prayers.

Let us pray for a greater openness to the Holy Spirit, and that we may be released from the fears which hinder us from living a fully Christian life.

We pray that we and all Christians, who are called to carry the light of Christ in the world, may continually be given the strength to do God's will.

Let us pray for the bereaved. May the friends and relatives of those who have died find peace in the enduring presence of Christ. We pray especially for the Foster, Triscott and Wyatt families at this time.

Let us pray for those who have died, that our Father may welcome them to the banquet of his table in heaven. Especially Hazel Foster, Andy Triscott and Peter Wyatt, recently departed (*Pause while 3 candles are lit*) and Willhelm Thiebes, Frank Wenden, Jessie Stephenson, Kathleen Cook, Kathleen Potter, Leslie Coppen, Francis Downey; John Henfri; Ruth Fox; Doris Roberts; Sylvie Rivers; Eugene Cox and May Howlett; whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary, who responded so willingly to God's call, to pray with us, that our response may be the same as hers. **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

**All: God the Father, we thank you and praise you for sending your Son to take away our sins. And we thank you for sending Apostles to tell us about it. Keep us true to the faith we have received. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 629 v 1 & 2 **Offertory Prayers:** v 3 & 4

*Mass continues page 9 of the hymn book*

**SANCTUS – “Sanctus setting”**

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

*Mass continues on page 11 of the hymn book.*

**AGNUS DEI “Sanctus setting”**

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and would like a blessing come to the altar holding a hymn book.*

Hymns at Holy Communion – 409; 117 Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 388

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER Angelus Notices BLESSING**

Recessional Hymn: 585