

Hymns at Holy Communion - 19 and 508. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 608

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Angelus Notices Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 211 and blessing of plough

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Coffee and tea in church after Mass. Welcome and thanks to Bishop Mike.  
11.15 approx. Plough procession to Kings Head. Thank you to Martin Clements and John Lambert for driving their tractors in the procession and to Paul for kindly offering drinks. 12.15 approx. Shared lunch in church

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

**Mon.** 9.30 Mass (1 Sam 15 v16-23; Mark 2 v.18-22)  
Int: HM King & his Government

**Tues. St Fursey**  
10.30 Mass (1 Sam 16 v1 - 13; Mark 2 v.23-28)  
Int: Church in East Anglia  
11.00 – 1.00: Coffee, tea, cake & soup in church

**Wed. St. Anthony**  
9.30 Mass. (1 Sam 17 v32-33,37,40-51 Mark 3 v.1-6)  
Int: The Guild of All Souls

**Thurs. CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**  
9.30 Mass. (Eph 4 v 1-6; John 17 v20-26)  
Int: Christian Unity

**Fri.** 9.30 Mass (1 Sam 24 v3-21; Mark 3 v.13-19)  
Int: Christian Unity

**Sat. St. Sebastian**  
10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday. Readings as Sunday Int. Christian Unity  
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Next Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> of Year B**

9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(Jonah 3 v 1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7v 29-31; Mark 1 v 14-20)  
12.00 PCC Lunch & Meeting in Church

**NOTICES:**

1. Please sign list on Table to endow Shrine Lamps.
2. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday.
3. Our next festival is Candlemass, Sung Mass at 6.30pm on the Eve (Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Feb) followed by shared refreshments in Church, List on Table for refreshments.
4. The Crib Appeal for Christian Aid raised £1,057.24 including Gift Aid. Thank you to all who contributed.
5. Electoral Roll revision begins on 28th Jan and concludes on 11th Feb.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare Mass

14th January 2024

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> of Year B – Plough Sunday**

**Theme:** God has called us from all eternity by name to be his sons and daughters, members of the Body of Christ. May we be faithful to our vocation. On this Plough Sunday we also ask God's Blessing on the land and those who work on it.

**Entrance Hymn: 346 v. 1-2**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** We ask your forgiveness Lord, for the times when we have been unfaithful members of your Son's Body, the Church. Lord have mercy.

**People:** *(sing)* **KYRIE ELEISON** *(Ukrainian setting)*

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times when we have misused our bodies, the temples of the Holy Spirit. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times we have damaged other members of the Church by criticising them. Lord have mercy. **People: KYRIE ELEISON**

**Celebrant 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: I Samuel 3 v. 3~10, 19.**

Samuel is sleeping at the shrine of Shiloh when he hears a call from the Lord. The old priest Eli instructs him to respond to it, which he does with a listening heart.

*Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

*The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'*

*Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 39 @ 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 6 v. 13-15, 17-20** St. Paul addresses the problem of immoral sexual practices in the Corinthian community. The body of the community is the dwelling place of the Spirit; community and casual sexual living do not go together.

*The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.*

*You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never!*

*But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.*

*Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.*

**Gospel Hymn: 346 v 3**

Acclamation: **(All) Alleluia! Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: John 1: v. 35-42** John the Baptist directs two of his own disciples towards Jesus. They follow Jesus, stay with him and tell others about their own experiences of meeting the Messiah.

*As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus.*

*Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.*

*One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock. The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee, he met Philip and said, 'Follow me.' Philip came from the same town, Bethsaida, as Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'From Nazareth? Can anything good come from that place?' Philip replied, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming he said of him, 'There, truly, is an Israelite in whom there is no deception.' Nathanael asked, 'How do you know me?' Jesus replied, 'Before Philip came to call you, I saw you under the fig tree.' Nathanael answered, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel.' Jesus replied, 'You believe that just because I said: I saw you under the fig tree. You are going to see greater things than that.' And then he added, 'In all truth I tell you, you will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending over the Son of man.'*

**Address. Preacher:** The Rt Revd Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich

**CREED** Nicene (Mass continues on page 7 of Hymn Book)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Samuel was helped by Eli to know when God was speaking to him; the first

disciples were helped by John the Baptist to recognise Jesus as the promised Saviour. Let us pray for all whose task is to lead others to God.

**Reader:** Let us pray for ourselves, that in answering the call of Jesus we will always respect our bodies as the dwelling place of the Spirit of God.

Let us pray that priests, parents, teachers and godparents may learn to recognise God's word in their own lives, so that they can in turn help those entrusted to them

Let us pray for the Church that she may understand God's way of speaking, and be open to hearing His word from the most unexpected sources.

Let us pray for all who work on the land, or in helping to produce food for our wellbeing, especially in our own parish, that they will always work in harmony with God's creation and for the good of all people.

Let us pray for the deprived peoples of the world, for those who go hungry every day; for those without shelter; for those ravaged by disease and violence, especially in all areas of tension. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray that the Church may always be an inviting home for those who seek to know Christ.

Let us pray for all young people confused about which path in life to follow; that they may come to recognise their particular abilities and thus choose wisely.

We commend to God's healing all who are ill or in pain and all who are recovering from surgery and for those who depend on others for life and movement. As we pray for the sick we remember Ray Mayes, Jean Martin, Taylor Birch, Julie & Andrew Gray, Angie Wilson, Mike Galloway and all anointed at our healing service.

Father, have mercy on those who have died in the peace of Christ – receive them into the home you have prepared for them, especially Lilian Fletcher, Gertrude Gardner, George Thorpe, Frank Wendon, Bridget Goodall, Nelsie Butlin, Jessie Stevenson, Clifford Taylor, Franklyn Coxworthy, Fr. Thomas Anderson, Katherine Cook, Kathleen Potter, Leslie Coppen and Francis Downey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us ask Mary, who heard the word of God and kept it, to pray with us, **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.**

S I L E N C E

**All: God the Father, you do not ask for sacrifice and offering but an open ear. Let us come to you in simplicity and poverty, not trusting in our own strength but open to your healing words. We ask this through Jesus your Son and Word. AMEN.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 264 v. 1 . **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 264 v 2 & 3

**SANCTUS** Sanctus setting

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

**AGNUS DEI** Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please carry a hymn book to the altar rail.*

**PTO**