

23 January 2022:
**The Third Sunday
of Epiphany**
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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Today's **hymns** are all in the blue book:
297, 740 & 828.

There is a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity tonight 6pm at St Peter & Paul in Rustington - do come along!

If you have a **Children's Society collecting box** now is the time of year to bring them to church - we're very grateful to Sharon Hill who is co-ordinating things again. Deadline is next week. We've had a letter of thanks from The Children's Society for raising £61.52 from the collection at last year's Christingle - well done!

Ben and Ellen (from our Sunday Club) are joining with children from St Peter & St Paul's, Rustington for **Admission to Communion** classes. They will be admitted to Communion here on **Sun 6 Mar**. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Some Diary Dates:

Sat **5 Feb** 10am Cleaning Party!

Sun **6 Feb** 3pm Families at 3

Fri **4 Mar** World Day of Prayer

Wednesdays 2-3:30pm during Lent (from **9 March-6 April**): Churches Together in Rustington Lent programme. Full details coming soon!

100 Club – draw dates for 2022 **6 Feb, 3 Apr, 5 Jun, 14 Aug, 16 Oct, 4 Dec.**

If you would like to join the 100 Club

contact Ann at annridley00@gmail.com or phone 01903 775795.

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Richard; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Val Nash; June Robbins; Alison; David; Chris; Adrian; Ron Stait; Mo.

We remember those who've died recently: Harvey Allen; Alix Sullivan; Tim Gregson; Nigel Dawson; Jenny Broster.
and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Percy Buckingham; Dorothy Hearn; Elizabeth Cunnew; Phyllis Bailey; Guy Burrow; William Wakening; Bill Laker; Sister Jessica of the Cross; Leonard Smithson; Harry Brown; Cyril Murphy; Robin Clarke

Readings for next Sunday: 30 Jan: Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple): Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Eco Tip of the month: January

The carbon in peat, when spread onto a garden or a field, quickly turns into carbon dioxide, adding to the greenhouse gas levels.

The unique biodiversity of peat bogs is lost when removed for garden / commercial use. Rare birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and plants that live on these bogs, disappear.

So, when choosing compost from the garden centre, check that it is peat free. You can always add fine garden grit to make your peat free compost more free draining.

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Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through 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.

A reading from the book of Nehemiah:

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground... So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of

smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

A reading from the Gospel of St Luke:

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Post Communion:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns now and for ever, Amen.