

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



Generosity

Today's readings are a testimony to God's generosity: Melchizedek brings bread and wine and a tenth of all he has as God's gift to Abraham; Jesus turns huge quantities of water into huge quantities of the best wine.

It is so easy to take God's generosity for granted and to neglect to be generous in return. We have so much (even under the present circumstances) and we share so little of it. We have so many gifts and we use so few of them for the benefit of others.

Elsewhere Jesus teaches that we will receive according to the measure in which we give. This is no Victorian saying or morality proverb: it's divine teaching, and sorely in need of a good hearing.

Epiphany III

(24th January 2021)

10.30 Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 25th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 29th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 30th January

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

**Please note revised Mass times
for Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays.**

**Mass on Wednesdays and
Sundays is live-streamed on
Facebook, and also uploaded to
the Crooked Spire YouTube
channel.**

EPIPHANY III - SUNG MASS

Introit:

Setting:

Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn:

Communion Motet:

Voluntary:

*For the time being there will be no
Choral Evensong on a Sunday*

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 24th January - Epiphany III

- Dominations seeking to work together
- ◇ The Church of Bangladesh
- ✦ *James Jackson*

Monday 25th January - The Conversion of Paul

- St Mary, Chinley; St Matthew, Hayfield;
St James, Buxworth
- ◇ Akure - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Valerie Anne Mayo-Braiden; Carol Gill*

Tuesday 26th January - Timothy and Titus

- St Lawrence, Eyam
- ◇ Alabama - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Eileen Harrison*

Wednesday 27th January

- Holy & Undivided Trinity, Edale
- ◇ Alaska - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Elsie Grace Weller; Lilian Ray Wootton;*
Michael Harry Sellors, Priest

Thursday 28th January - Thomas Aquinas

- St Michael & All Angels, Hathersage; St John the Baptist, Bamford & Derwent;; St Helen, Grindleford
- ◇ Saint Albans - The Church of England
- ✦ *Margaret Hill; Leonard Gordon*

Friday 29th January

- Lambeth Concerence (postponed until 2022)
- ◇ Albany - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Peggy Smith*

Saturday 30th January - Charles, King & Martyr

- Charles, King & Martyr, Peak Forest;
St Paul, Dove Holes
- ◇ Algoma - The Anglican Church of Canada
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Laura; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; Anthony & Katie; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seeney; Lewis Glossop; Daisy Wallis; Lodovico Mirani; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones

✦ *Kenneth Unwin, Priest, RIP*

✦ *John Martin, RIP*

✦ *Elizabeth Stevenson, RIP*

Weekday access to the church building will be severely limited during the roofing and lighting works which will last for the coming three months.

COVID19 HAS DEFINITELY NOT GONE AWAY, AND ALL THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTION STILL CANNOT ELIMINATE IT. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ILL STAY AT HOME; IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE ALSO STAY HOME; IF YOU ARE UNSURE, STAY HOME FOR THE TIME BEING.

If you need support in prayer or any other way please contact the team on 01246 206506 or contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 31st January - Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5
Luke 2.22-40

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