

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

Who is Worthy?

John's vision sees a heavenly court in which no one is able to open the scroll of the Law and break its seals.

Everyone sits back and waits for someone else to do something about it, while lamenting that there is no one worthy to act.

Ring any bells? No one is doing anything: 'they' ought to act. While in Revelation it is the Lamb who opens the seals and reveals the contents of the scroll, it is clear the Lamb is just making a start—he ransoms the nations so that *they* can start acting for themselves. ***He makes it possible.***

This is why Christians have no excuse to stand around waiting for someone else to do the work of the Kingdom. He has made it possible for us to get off our backsides and get on with it. And he expects us to act!

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

**Epiphany II
(14th January 2024)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 15th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 19th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer



EPIPHANY II - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 52

Setting: Harris in F

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Revelation to John Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

Gradual Hymn: 352

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 1.43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 55

Communion Motet: The Three Kings (*Peter Cornelius*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 51

Voluntary: *Te Deum (Jeanne Demessieux)*

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 96

First Lesson: Isaiah 60.9-end

Office Hymn: 353

Canticles: Stanford in B flat

Second Lesson: Hebrews 6.17-7.10

Anthem: Lead me, Lord (*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*)

Hymn: 294

Voluntary: *Andante religioso (Sonata IV)*

(Felix Mendelssohn)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 14th January - Epiphany II

- The light of the Holy Spirit bringing glory and peace
- ◇ Church of the Province of South East Asia
- ✦ *Selina Buchanan; Gemma Jones; Dorothy Hirst;*
Allan Johnson

Monday 15th January

- Our Area Deans
- ◇ Bukedi - The Church of the Uganda

Tuesday 16th January

- Benefice of Ashton on Trent, Elvaston,
Weston on Trent, Shardow, Barrow on Trent,
Twyford and Swarkestone
- ◇ Bukuru - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *David Peppitt; Sarah Wicks; Paul Leech;*
Glynn Dannatt

Wednesday 17th January - Antony of Egypt; *Charles Gore*

- Benefice of Hulland, Atlow, Kniveton, Bradley
and Hognaston
- ◇ Bunbury - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ *Katherine Bagshaw; Ida Webber; Barrie Goodwin*

Thursday 18th January - Amy Carmichael

- Our sisters & brothers in the Church of North India
- ◇ Bungoma - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Violet Foster*

Friday 19th January - Wulfstan

- Benefice of Ault Hucknall and Scarcliffe
- ◇ Bunyoro-Kitara - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *William White; May Sharratt*

Saturday 20th January - Richard Rolle of Hampole

- Benefice of Hathersage, Bamford, Derwent
and Grindleford
- ◇ Busan - The Anglican Church of Korea
- ✦ *Florence Nixon; Ida Rawlinson; Helen Phipps*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John
Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie Alice
Seeney; Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain;
Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose
Mason; Paul Bates; John Lockwood; Ian
Bennett; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Terry
Bell; Iain Bushe; Jane Bushe; Fiona
Solberg; Marian Mathews; Barbara Carter;
Jack; Charles Gaskell

✦ *Roger Morton, RIP*

Christmas Card Upcycling

Fiona Barrand is collecting used Christmas
cards to make labels for the Prayer Tree for
the next Christmas Tree Festival, and
would welcome any from the congregation.

A Feast for Candlemas

There will be a special Candlemas
Evensong at 6.30pm on Friday 2nd
February.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by the
choir's Pie & Quiz night in the Saints.
Tickets for the Pie & Quiz are £7 adults and
£5 children. Further information from:
choir@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 21st January - Epiphany III

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 33
Jeremiah 3.21-4.2
Titus 2.1-8, 11-14

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