

# Rutland Water Parishes Benefice

## Epiphany 2

14th January 2018

*Please take this sheet home with you*

### WELCOME

Visitors are most welcome. If you need help or advice, make yourself known to one of the Churchwardens who will be happy to help.

### SERVICES IN OUR BENEFICE

#### Sunday 14th January

9.30am Empingham. Morning Prayer

9.30am North Luffenham. Morning Prayer

9.30am Ridlington. Holy Communion

11.00am Pilton. Holy Communion

11.00am Preston. Holy Communion

3.00pm. Whitwell. Holy Communion

*Hymns: (From Hymns Old & New)*

*Ga: 347 Jesus calls us*

*Gr: 413 Lord of all hopefulness*

*Off: 374 Just as I am*

*Rec: 752 Will you come and follow me*

#### Sunday 21st January

9.30am North Luffenham. All Age Worship

9.30am Ridlington. Morning Prayer

9.30am Wing. Holy Communion

9.30am Lyndon. Morning Prayer

11.00am Manton. Holy Communion

### Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

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.

**or**

Eternal Lord,

our beginning and our end:

bring us with the whole creation

to your glory, hidden through past ages

and made known

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Cycle of Prayer

*The Porvoo Churches of Oulu, Soer-Hålogaland (Bodoe); Coventry; The Anglican Church of Australia; The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freir Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.*

### First Reading: Samuel 3. 1-10

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

### Second Reading: Revelation 5. 1-10

**5** 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; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> 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.'

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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;  
<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and  
priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.’

**Psalm: 139. 1-5, 12-18**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.  
For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Gospel: John 1. 43-end**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> 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.’ <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ <sup>51</sup> 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.’

**Post Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Suggested Bible readings for the coming week**

**15th.** Mark 2. 18-22      **18th.** Mark 3. 7-12  
**16th.** Mark 2. 23-end    **19th.** Mark 3. 13-19  
**17th.** Mark 3. 1-6        **20th.** Mark 3. 20-21

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

**January Benefice Service**

On January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am we are invited to join the Methodists in Empingham for their annual Covenant Service – read more about this in the January magazine.

There will be no pew notes that week.