Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

**Sunday 19th January 2025: The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**COLLECT** 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.

**FIRST READING**  *1 Corinthians 12.1–11* We begin today a series of readings from this letter, in which Paul teaches about the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to different members of the church. The context is that some of the Corinthian Christians thought they were superior and this passage is leading up to the wellknown reading from ch.13 “I may speak in the tongues of angels (etc) but if I have not love I am nothing.”

**GOSPEL READING** *John 2.1–11* In the Gospel of John Jesus’ miracles are called ‘signs’- signs that reveal who he is and therefore what God is like. The story of water into wine is not only to say that he is Lord over creation but that God’s new work in Christ is a fulfilment of Hebrew longings and cause for celebration: chalk and cheese, water and wine.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** 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.

**Services this Sunday**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Morning Praise

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Services on 26th January: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Morning Praise

St Matthew’s, Midgham 4pm Sung Evensong

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891
You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve

**Events during the week**

*Tuesday 21st January*

Brimpton PCC

*Wednesday 22nd January*

 Unity Group

*Thursday 23rd January*

Beenham PCC

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