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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EPIPHANY**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <i>The Reverend Alice Venning</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Bladon</b>	<b>Family Service</b> <i>The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern</i>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist and Children's Church</b> <i>The Reverend Dr Shaun Henson</i> <i>Preacher: Andy Brown</i>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Spencer Court</b>	<b>led by the Methodists</b>

*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 our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Readings*

1 Samuel 3.1-10	p.274
Revelation 5.1-10	p.1237
John 1.35-42	p.1064

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## Amongst the many needs of the church and the world, please pray for

- Justin, our Archbishop
- Steven, Bishop of Oxford
- Colin, Bishop of Dorchester; Judy, our Archdeacon
- Andy Brown and Sarah du Boulay, on placement from Cuddesdon
- Robert, our Member of Parliament
- Rosalind Gerring, Pieter Zwart, Gay Luff, Adriana Young, and all those who have asked for our prayers
- The family and friends of Violet Beckett, Judy Jones, Joan Tolley, and all who mourn
- Our friends in the Pastorat of Gränna-Visingsö in the Church of Sweden
- With the World Council of Churches, we pray for Christians in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

### **Church Office**

Open Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-1pm, and on Wednesday 2pm-5pm.

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Please submit any notice sheet requests to Marion before 1pm Tuesday.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Next Sunday (21st January) there is no 11am service at St Mary Magdalene's – we are invited to worship at Woodstock Methodist Church at 10.30am, when Adrian is preaching. The following Sunday they are coming to us when the Methodist Superintendent Minister, the Reverend Canon Dr Martin Wellings is preaching. Please ensure you are at both services – and pray that we might all be one.

**Woodstock Planned Giving Officer** Please note that Glynda Salter has taken over from Carol Holmes as planned giving officer. You can contact her in church on a Sunday morning or at [glynda.salter@gmail.com](mailto:glynda.salter@gmail.com) nothing else will change.

**Thursday Group** is at 8pm at the home of David and Gerti Shepherd, 8a Crecy Walk. The theme for this week is 'Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in the New Testament'.

**Gränna-Visingsö** is the *Pastorat* (benefice) in the Swedish Diocese of Växjö with which St Mary Magdalene's has formed a relationship. We will be making a formal visit to Gränna on 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May this year, and there is space for about four more in the delegation. Please get in touch with Adrian as soon as possible if you would like to be a part of the trip.

**Lent is just a month away** *Adrian writes:* Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon have many plans which will start appearing, including a weekly gathering for a midweek evening service, Lent lunches, courses and sermon series in each church – and, of course, there is my wife Megan's Lent book **Songs of the Spirit**, which Megan will be preaching about, and signing copies of, at St Martin's on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and St Mary Magdalene's on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It's not too early for you to start thinking how you will use the holy season of Lent to deepen your faith and grow in friendship with God. Make sure you're in church on Ash Wednesday at one of our special services.

# This Week

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday: please pray for our friends at the Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in Bladon and Woodstock, and for the unity of all God's people**

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

8.45am	Woodstock	Contemplative Prayer Group
9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
4pm	Rectory	Woodstock Churchwardens' meeting

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

9.30am	Woodstock	Deanery Chapter Eucharist & Meeting
7.45pm	Bladon	Bell Practice

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
9.45am	Bladon	Toddler Group
10am	Woodstock	Holy Communion (BCP)
7pm	Woodstock	Parochial Church Council

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	Woodstock	Bell Practice
8pm	Woodstock	Thursday Group at 8a Crecy Walk

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	Woodstock	Choir Practice

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8am	Woodstock	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Bladon	Family Service
<u>10.30am</u>	Woodstock	Methodist Church Covenant Service Preacher: The Rector

### **NO 11am SERVICE AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

12noon	Bladon	Baptism
2pm	Bladon	Baptism
5.30pm	Woodstock	Spencer Court