

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

21ST JANUARY 2018
3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings Epiphany 3

First reading; Genesis Ch.14 v.17-20
Second Reading; Revelations Ch.19 v. 6-10
Gospel; John Ch.2 v 1-11

Collect

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.

Priest in charge:

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Please pray for;

the sick; Glenda & David Baker, Fred Bowskill, Charlie Cullimore, Pam Goodman, Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Many North, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, Michael Vaughan , Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind;

21 Joan Reeson
23 Ralph Denman, Hilda Fountain
Margaret Lacy
24 Vic Wilkinson
25 Len Kirby

- The Week of Prayer for Church Unity (18th—25th)
- Those of others faiths (World Religions Day 21st)
- Letter writers. (St Paul 25th)
- Young people who are carers. (25th)
- Supportive friends (Timothy and Titus 26th)
- Victims of the Holocaust. (Holocaust memorial day 27th)

Upcoming events

TODAY coffee after the service will be served in the vicarage.

22nd	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
23rd	Tuesday	7.30pm	PCC	church hall
24th	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall

28th	Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church
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Followed by coffee in the vicarage

February

2nd	Friday	11am	Women's World Day of Prayer rehearsal	church
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Dear Friends,

'Well, if he thinks he's going to get me talking about my faith, he's got another thought coming!' The reaction of a churchwarden (not of this diocese) to the suggestion made by a particular bishop that they might have a mission in his diocese, where they tried to share what they knew of Jesus to people who had not yet made the same discovery.

It is a sad, but reasonably common, response. Faith seen as a private affair, something we're reluctant to talk about even with our friends, those we trust, let alone those we might not know as well. Maybe we're afraid of being asked questions to things we haven't got the answers for. Maybe we're afraid of being thought of as strange. For whatever reason we keep firmly quiet, which means those around us are prevented from discovering the treasures we know – the difference that Jesus can make in an ordinary life, even like ours.

By contrast, one of the things that all three of the bishops in our diocese are looking forward to this year, in response to a challenge from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to work with our second-year curates and their parishes to see how, together, we can creatively, inten-

tionally and appropriately share what we know to be true with those we are in contact with. That is, across the diocese, in a variety of ways, simply sharing what God means to us, in the hope that others will open themselves up to all that he might have for them as well.

We have a prayer that has been written for these events. Perhaps, at the start of this year, it is a prayer you could use too:

Almighty God, source of our hope and all good things,

You call us in love to share in your work of making your love known to all.

Bless, we pray, all that we do in sharing the story of your love

with those amongst whom we live, that through us they may catch a glimpse of the love

you have for each one of us, and find their place within it themselves.

With every blessing,

Bishop David

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who sponsored me on my cycle ride 'to Iceland'. With sponsor money and sales of our crafts, I am please to say we will be sending £500 to AHC Iceland. Sue