

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

JANUARY 3TH 2018

EPIPHANY 2 (THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Isaiah ch 43 v 1-7

Second Reading; Acts ch 8 v 14-17

Gospel; Luke ch3 v 15-17, 21-22

Hymns

Introit; **EH 57**

The race that long in darkness pined

Gradual; **EH 57**

Hail thou source

Offertory; **EH 49**

Brightest and best

Communion; **EH 315**

Word of the Father

Post Communion **EH 55 omit v3**

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by wa-
ter and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
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.

Please pray for;

the sick; Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill,
Martin Cotteril, Kathy Cullimore, Pam
Goodman, Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray,
Mandy North, Mary Rose, Stuart Rose,
Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind;

13 Raymond Simpson

15 Vera Pugh

- Children baptised in our church
- The Community of the Resurrection.
(Bishop Charles Gore, 17th)
- The Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity. (18th)
- Patrick Morrow in his new role as a
prison chaplain.
- The Brexit vote in parliament this
week.

Priest in charge:

Revd Jeremy Cullimore.

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Lay ministry Mrs Mary Rose

Church Wardens

Mrs Mary Rose, Tony Frecklington

Hall bookings & baptisms

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Events this week

15th	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
16th	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall

20th	Sunday	10am	Sung Eucharist	church
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Regular monthly events

1st Thursday	2pm	Women's Fellowship	church hall
1st Saturday	10am	Coffee Morning	church hall

REMINDERS

NO CAMEO MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH

22nd	Tuesday	7.30pm	PCC	church hall
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(one of) 40 stories of HOPE How faith has changed prisoners lives.

By the time she turned 27, Mary Kay had established herself as one of the most notorious criminals in the USA. Along with her husband she was wanted in 4 states for for a string of bank robberies and was the target of a mafia 'hit' for double crossing the mob on a diamond heist. She appeared on the FBI's 'most 10' wanted list. It seemed that her life would come to a violent end.

But God a different plan. In 1972, Mar was arrested, convicted and sentenced to 21 years in an Alabama prison. It was in that prison that God calle her to a new life. Flipping through a Bible one evening she read Ezekiel 36 v26-27.

'I will give you new hearts. I will give you a new spirit that is faithful to me.

I will remove your stubborn hearts from you. I will give you hearts that will obey me.

I will put Spirit in you. I will make you want to abbey my rules.

I want you to be careful to keep my laws.'

"OK God" she prayed in her cell that night, "if you will do that for me, I will give the rest of my life back to you."

The result of that promise was Angel Tree, a Prison Fellowship programme designed to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and needs of the families of prisoners. Since it began in 1982, Angel Tree has served over 10 million children, providing them with Christmas gifts from their parents in prison, as well as mentoring opportunities. Families have been restored, and the Good News of Jesus has been shared.

After she died, Prison Fellowship board member Chris Coulson said ' while serving six years of a 21 prison sentence in a state prison for burglary, grand larceny and robbery, Mary Kay watched women gather soap, shampoo and toothpaste received from charity groups and wrap them as Christmas gifts for their children. She vowed she would do something for children who have an incarcerated parent when she was released from prison, and Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree programme is among her greatest legacies'.

Adapted from *Remembering an Angel*, by PFM

Quite by co-incidence, I was loaned this book of reflections, just as Patrick was starting his new job.