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Please note that the lifting of Covid Plan B restrictions do not come into effect until Thursday 27th January and so **wearing of a face-covering is still required by law** in all places of worship for anyone aged 12 or over unless there is a reason for exemption. All our services and meetings remain under review and may need to be changed at short notice.

Sunday 23rd January 2022 (3rd after Epiphany)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.30am Holy Communion at St John's
11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church
6.00pm The 6.00 Service: Refuel at Christ Church

Meetings this week

- Wednesday 26th 7.30pm Christ Church PCC meeting in church
Thursday 27th 1.30pm Funeral of Jennifer Cormack at St John's
Saturday 29th 10.00am Coffee Morning at St John's Hall

Sunday 30th January 2022 (Presentation of Christ in the temple)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
9.30am Holy Communion at St John's
11.00am Baptism of Effie Olway at Christ Church

REFUEL

The next *6.00 Service: Refuel* will be on **Sunday 23rd January** (at 6.00pm) at Christ Church. Do come along for an hour of peaceful reflection, prayer and worship.

COFFEE MORNING

All are welcome to join us for coffee (or tea) and cake at St John's hall on Saturday from 10.00am until around 11.30am.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to be part of a group preparing for Confirmation, please speak to Revd Andy.

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Sunday 23 January 2022

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19.1–6

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. ³ They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, ⁴ Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. ⁵ In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. ⁶ It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

1 Corinthians 12.12–31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were

hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 4.14–21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.