

LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK.....

1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 1 Cor 6.12-20;
John 1.43-51

AND NEXT Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-12; 1 Cor 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

“I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND”

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts.... **Gladys, Ethel, Trevor & Alison, Ann Watson, Phil & Bridget, Jenny and Bill, Claire, Carl and family, Maureen and family, David C**

PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God that though **Sheila** tested Covid positive, she is now recovering well at The Grange in Mansfield

We give thanks with **Phil and Bridget Bateman** for the excellent news following Phil’s latest scan; pray for the next step in his treatment.

Remember **Mick Russell** and family as the funeral of **Rose** takes place this Thursday 21st at Amber Valley Crematorium. Pray too for **James** as he conducts the service.

Pray for the USA as a new President and Vice President are sworn in on Wednesday 20th – for safety and a peaceful hand-over of power.

Please do continue to pray for the **Annex project**– there are some pointers on our website, click *The Annexe Progress* button.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

For Dorothy, John and Alison – 01629 825328

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK

There is a collection box in St Mary’s porch. There is a need for tins of veg, meat and fruit.

Items for the next newsletter to Jenny by Tuesday 12th please

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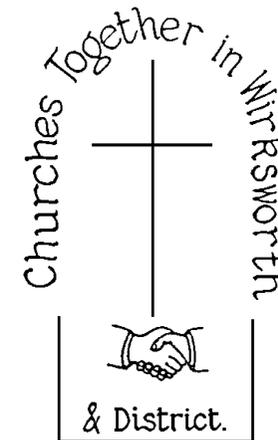
WELLSPRING

17th January 2021

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A Family Affair



We remember with thanks and affection our Christian friends in Wirksworth, at the URC, St Mary’s and St Teresa’s. We pray for the clergy – Camilla, Kevin , David, Carla and Canon Ka Fai Lee, the ‘new’ priest at St Teresa’s

We give thanks for all we share in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, And also for the richness of our diversity, and all we learn from each other. We pray that as we share prayer together this week, we may renew our commitment to work together as part of the community of Wirksworth, to your praise and glory. Amen

KEVIN'S REFLECTION *A family affair*

I have never been able to travel in a first class railway carriage nor business class on an aeroplane - making do with the usual second class or economy seating. But what does economy mean to us? Well, in this context, it means 'budget' and 'good value' although it also has a wider meaning relating to the inter-connection of all our commercial activity; hence we talk of the economy struggling or picking up.

This comes from a classical Greek word that means 'household management'. Another similar sounding word is *ecumenical*, which relates to the way in which Christians and churches of all traditions or backgrounds can, and do, find ways to express their unity; something to which we can relate very well in Wirksworth.

Each year begins with a *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* held in January and organised by Churches Together. As always, it is a privilege to participate by sharing in daily prayer with friends from all local churches. (Details of the arrangements for this year are given in this week's news sheet.) The theme is *Abiding in Christ* from John 15 and I find this an interesting title, for our word *ecumenical* also comes from the same root as *economy: household*. In Christ we are interconnected and there is a sense in which we do live together. As the Apostle Paul says: '*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*' (*Ephesians 2:19*) with all the implications for family life this might bring.

Now that really is an 'ecumenical matter'.

Blessings

Kevin

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK: Online worship Sunday 17th

This week there will be a guided reflection available on our website and it would be good if as many as possible could share in this at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday – click the This Week Online button. Printed copies and CDs will be circulated to those who are not online as usual.

Prayer Zone will **not** meet this week; instead.....

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18 th - 25 th January)

We shall meet for **daily prayer** on the theme of 'Abiding in Christ' **at 9.00 a.m. from Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd**. Gatherings this year will be held on Zoom and hosted by St Mary's with these connection details: <https://zoom.us/j/2732241372> It is also possible to dial in and listen by calling 0208 0806591, keying in the meeting ID 2732241372# when requested, followed by keying # again, then waiting to be connected.

United Worship there are plans for a united service on Zoom, next Sunday, 24th, at 5 pm. More details in next week's Newsletter.

COFFEE CHURCH – by popular request! Coffee Church is returning on Saturdays, starting on the 23rd, from 10.30, via Kevin's Zoom Room!

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/3442960403> for informal chat, news sharing and your beverage of choice. If you'd be willing to 'host' one week, let Jenny or Ingrid know.

There will also be Zoom worship on some Sundays, starting in February; make sure you read the Newsletter for details

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR RNIB

Final reminder that Lindsey is collecting postage stamps (used and unused) to send to the RNIB. **Let Lindsey have them at 9 Steeple Grange** or get in touch and she can collect them from you. Thank you!

Barbara writes: CALLING ALL KNITTERS! Would you be prepared to take on a new project for 2021 - knitting bees!! The bees will be used to promote Wilder Wirksworth, which is a group of volunteers working with the local councils to wild the verges and green spaces in Wirksworth, planting wild flowers to provide habitat for bees, butterflies, birds etc increasing the biodiversity of the area. There is a Facebook page for more information or ask Barbara for more details!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service, usually held on the 1st Friday of March, has been POSTPONED by the national organisers, and will be held later in the year