

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,
Hilton and Brookfield
16th January 2022**

2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HOME

Thought for the day

**Love is strong as death. Many waters cannot
quench love, neither can floods drown it.**

Song of Solomon

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.**

*God promises that his people—desolate, barren,
bewildered, and long held in foreign captivity—will
soon be transformed at every level. They will become
the target of all the divine delight God can muster. But
it's not just the people: the very land itself will be
blessed.*

The LORD says this:

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the
dawn, and her salvation like a burning
torch.

2 The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory; and you shall
be called by a new name that the mouth of
the LORD will give.

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the
hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem
in the hand of your God.

4 You shall no more be termed
Forsaken, and your land shall no more
be termed Desolate; but you shall be
called My Delight Is in Her, and your
land Married; for the LORD delights in
you, and your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a young
woman, so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride, so shall your God rejoice over
you.

Psalm 36.5–10

**R With you is the well of life
and in your light we see light.**

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the
heavens, and your faithfulness to the
clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong
mountains, your justice like the great
deep; you save both human and beast,
O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of
your house; you give them drink from
the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to
those who know you, and your favour to
those who are true of heart.

**A reading from the first letter of Paul
to the Corinthians. ch12.1–11**

1 Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and
sisters, I do not want you to be
uninformed.

2 You know that when you were pagans,
you were enticed and led astray to idols
that could not speak.

3 Therefore I want you to understand
that no one speaking by the Spirit of God
ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one
can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy
Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the
same Spirit;

5 and there are varieties of services, but
the same Lord;

6 and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of
them in everyone.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the
Spirit for the common good.

8 To one is given through the Spirit the
utterance of wisdom, and to another the
utterance of knowledge according to the
same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
10 to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy,

to another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues,
to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are activated by one and the
same Spirit, who allots to each one
individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ch2.1-11

1 There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'

4 And Jesus said to her,

'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'

So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

10 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

PRAYERS

Gracious God, your Son Jesus began his ministry at a wedding celebration and through the miracle of the wine showed us the abundance of your wonderful love for us. May Jesus continue to transform our

everyday lives into the new wine of your kingdom on earth.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the Sacrament of marriage and we pray for those who will be married in our churches during the coming year; be with them as they make their plans and bless them with patience, understanding and love. Guide our Vicar Claire in her work of preparation with each and every couple.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for our world and the problems faced by so many of your children. We pray for all who live under the threat of war or terrorism and the poverty it brings. Govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and those in authority that they may act justly, honestly and according to your will.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Loving God, bring comfort to all who are ill, help them to see the reality of your desire for wholeness and health for them. Strengthen all who are working under stress in our caring, healing services. Let us all be ever thankful for their dedication and service.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord deal gently with those who are coming to the end of their time on earth. Let them know your presence to hold and guide them as they pass into your eternity. Bless and comfort all who in sorrow will mourn their loss.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Finally we pray for ourselves
Father God, help us to reflect your love in our families, our church and our

community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and others may be drawn into his loving care.

Amen

**Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in his way;
He has no voice but our voice
To tell them how he died;
He has no help but our help
To lead them to his side.**

As St Paul tells us we are the body of Christ

There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage.

- Martin Luther

It is not how much you do, but how much Love you put into the doing that matters.

- Mother Teresa

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

- Hellen Keller

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