



The churches of Morgans Vale, Woodfalls and Redlynch

Sunday 17th January

Epiphany 2

Roads to God - We continue to pray for all in our community. As part of our 'Roads to God' prayer scheme, over the year we pray for every road, and in January we will pray for everyone who live or work in our villages.

We also remember many others who have asked for our prayers

Jacqui Coello, Garnet Withers, John Shores, Thelma Marsh, Roberto and Diane Ghiandoni, Dimitri and Lorraine Tombros, Maggie Loudwell, Ruth Frampton, Muriel Fleming, Norma Richards, Rhoda Williams, Linda Agnew, Nicky Newton, Pauline Quinton, Debbie Tanner, Vincent Nicholas, Georgie Budd, Vivienne Sheppard, David Hurst, Anna Maria Murray Brown, Eileen Sharples, Bill Laurence, Kerenza Broderick, Lucy Chester, Alison Chester, Margaret Melsom, Natalie Doud and the staff and residents at Woodfalls Care and Ashley Grange.

We remember those who have died

At this sad time we pray for the family and friends of all those who have died recently remembering today Chris Birch and Bill Smith

May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace
and rise in glory. Amen

**BUILDING CLOSED BUT
Church Online
NOT CANCELLED
Quiet time with God
NOT CANCELLED
Praying for the Sick
NOT CANCELLED
Checking on a Neighbour
NOT CANCELLED
Helping Each Other
NOT CANCELLED
Being the Church
CONTINUES MORE THAN EVER**

The 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.**

Gospel Reading from John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'

Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?'

Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?'

You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Jesus, lead us to the Father, by your Spirit, help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness, help us draw near.

Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.

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**When you spoke,
light overwhelmed the darkness;**

when you spoke,
the heavens gained their hue;
when you spoke,
creation echoed, singing;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

Lord, you spoke,
through stone and fire and rainbow;
Lord, you spoke,
through angels, dreams and dew;
Lord, you spoke,
through prophets, kings and
children;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

*Open my ears, so I can truly listen,
open my mind, so I may understand.
Open my heart, so I can truly love you,
and live to follow You.*

When you spoke,
your words commanded healing;
when you spoke,
the wind and waves withdrew;
when you spoke,
the twelve left all to follow;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

Lord, you speak
in power through your Spirit;
Lord, you speak
by scripture's words of truth;
Lord, you speak
through prayer and song and
teaching;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow You.

CHURCH NEWS

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 4th January that chose not to suspend worship and correspondence from Bishop Nicholas it was clear that the decision whether it is appropriate to continue meeting together for worship in our church buildings was a local one.

Considering the age of our congregation and the churches priority to pastorally care not just for our congregation but also our community, doctors, hospital staff etc and after consultation and with the support of the Churchwardens of both St.Mary's and St.Birinus, the view together with Woodfalls Methodists is that we should suspend regular worship in our buildings for the time being

We will offer worship digitally and with vaccinations being rolled out to many of our congregations over the next months we look in hope to being able to revert to worship in church buildings as soon as it is safe to do so.

This is a decision that we hoped we would not have to make but with the increased transmission rate and the number of cases growing locally we all feel this is the right decision.

Revd Veronica Batchelor

Churchwardens of St.Mary's, St.Birinus and Leaders of Woodfalls Methodists

Services in our church buildings is currently suspended - We will continue to offer services online. These can be accessed in any of the following ways:-

- *The direct Youtube link can be emailed to you via our church emailing list*
- *Redlynch Online*
- *Church websites*
- *If you do not have online access, you can still access our online version using our mobile service. If you would like this then please telephone Peter Bishop 01725 512779*

St.Mary's - due to the increased transmission rates of Covid 19 a decisions has been made to suspend opening the church building for prayer for the time being.

Sheila's Preserves – *Sheila Green has a good stock of preserves so if you would like some please give Sheila a call on 511554.*

Regular Giving –*If you would like to give a regular amount to the church or feel able at any time to give an additional donation then please contact us, thank you:-*

To donate to St.Birinus Morgans Vale and/or St.Mary's Redlynch please email Helen on home@aebischer.plus.com or telephone Veronica 01725 513878

To donate to Woodfalls Methodists please email Graham and Anita, atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com or telephone them on 01725 512648