

Hymn 227 *I come with joy, a child of God*

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 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. 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.'

PSALM 19 vv 1-6

Caeli enarrant



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
- 2 One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.
- 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

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. 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. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 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. 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. 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? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 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.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 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; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: '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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' 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. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Hymn 393 *O worship the King*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, receive our gifts. Let our offerings make us holy and bring us salvation.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Hymn 560 *Will you come and follow me (omit v4)*

Anthem: *O sing joyfully...Batten*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Hymn 277 *Jesus shall reign*



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Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:

Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School; for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:-

Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce Brett, Christine MacKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, Ron Thomas, James Inwood, Edna Moody, the Bonthrone family

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

TODDLER CORNER This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

JUNIOR CHURCH the children will be learning about the helping spirit.

25 JANUARY – House Group meeting at Abbeyfield, 2-4 pm

28 JANUARY - House group meeting – 8 Marshall Av.

30 JANUARY - Auction of Promises, 7.00 pm in the hall. Please see the Promises forms on the narthex table for details. Tickets are available from Chris Sheppard after the Eucharist and from the office during the week.

2 FEBRUARY – Eucharist at 7.00 pm for Candlemas

4 FEBRUARY – Joint meeting of the House Groups in church at 7.00 pm with Father Andrew

8 FEBRUARY - House Group meeting at Abbeyfield, 2-4pm

12 FEBRUARY – Deanery Synod – details to be advised

14 FEBRUARY – Parish Lunch following the 10.30 Eucharist

24th January 2010 Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.
We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service.*

SERVICES TODAY

Holy Communion 08.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	25 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
<i>The Conversion of Paul</i>			
Tuesday	26 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
<i>Timothy and Titus Companions of Paul</i>			
Wednesday	27 Jan	Evening Prayer Eucharist	18.00 18.30
Thursday	28 Jan	Eucharist Unity	10.00
<i>Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274</i>			
Friday	29 Jan	Eucharist The Cross	10.00
Saturday	30 Jan	Eucharist Mary	11.30
<i>Charles, King and Martyr 1649</i>			
Evening Prayer 17.00			

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY - 31 January

The fourth Sunday of Epiphany
 Holy Communion 08.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH. FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN THE HALL