



**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**14th January 2018**

A warm welcome to all.

A special welcome to any visitors to the Benefice or those worshipping here for the first time.

**TODAY - 14th January**

**We welcome The Archdeacon of Taunton,** The Venerable Simon Hill, to preach at 9.30am Holy Communion in Woolavington and 11am Holy Communion in Cossington.

**What is Epiphany?**

The Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast day and is significant in a number of ways. In the East, where it originated, the Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It also celebrates Jesus' birth.

The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus, some time after his birth, when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. Jesus was therefore revealed as both human and divine and a Saviour for all people of all nations.

**Advance Notice**

Deanery Synod meetings are now open to all – the next one is on Tuesday 6th Feb at 7.30pm at Weston-zoyland Church when **Bishop Ruth** will be the guest speaker.

As we move into a new phase of the church's life, re-imagining church, please try to come along and hear where our churches are on the journey and in the mission of the wider church.



**St. Mary's Woolavington  
 Annual Quiz**  
**Saturday, 27 January – 7.30pm**  
**Woolavington Village Hall**

Teams of 4  
 Entry £3 per person (£1.50 18 and under)  
 Light refreshments available  
 Please bring your own alcoholic drinks  
*Proceeds in aid of Woolavington Church*

**Could it be you? Is God calling you to serve? Have you got skills or talent to help your local church?**

**Your churches need...**

- Link Advertising Manager
- Pump Editors
- Musicians
- Lay Worship Assistants
- People to read the Bible in church
- People to lead intercessions (prayers) in church
- Cossington Treasurer
- Someone to oversee Woolavington Flower Guild



*Please speak to the Wardens or the Rector for details.  
 Please pray about these opportunities to get involved.*

**Please Pray for:**

**The Community:**

Please pray for those living in:- Elm Lane(W); Broderip (C) Bradney Lane (B)

**The Sick:** (Those named after /> live outside the Benefice but have a connection with a particular parish).

**Woolavington:** Aiden Newcombe, Tamara, Mo Retford and her family; Jan Shingfield and her family situation; Sue Newton; Cecily Titmas, Keith Moore /> Alan Calaminus, Bob Clegg, Maureen Pearce, Gill and Alan's niece, Sally; Trevor Lewis **Cossington:** > Jean Edwards, Rebecca Hooper Clare Bowden

**Bawdrip:** Len Baker, Bill Hubbock, Dot Russell

**RIP:** Bernard Minns (Bawdrip) and Jennifer Kellaway (Woolavington)

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available on [www.bathandwells.org](http://www.bathandwells.org)

**Please pray for all those who suffer in silence and those who support others, who are sick or in need.**

**Around the Benefice**

Tue 16	7.30pm	Woolavington WI, Curling Evening, Village Hall
	7.30pm	Woolavington Parish Council Village Hall
Wed 17	10.45am	Cossington Charity Coffee Morning, Jackie Willmouth, NMillstone, Bell Lane
Thurs 18	2.00pm	Cossington Friends and Neighbours, Village Hall, AGM
	7.30pm	Bawdrip History Group, Parish Hall

## Today's readings

### 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.

### Old Testament reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20

### Psalm Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

### New Testament reading Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood

you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

### Gospel John 1.43-end

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>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.'

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Thought for the week

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step."

*Martin Luther-King*

### SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 16 Wednesday 17	Bawdrip Cossington	7.15pm 9.30am 10.00am	Pause for Prayer Morning Prayers Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 21	Woolavington Bawdrip Cossington	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	All-Age Communion Holy Communion Songs of Praise

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