

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, TIMBERHILL with ST JULIAN, NORWICH

February 2022



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# Loving our neighbour

Dear friends,

Often, when at a weekday Mass we are commemorating a saint whose holiness was revealed particularly through their witness as a missionary, the response during the psalm is, 'Go into all the world: proclaim the Good News.' It's a line taken, of course, from the end of St Mark's Gospel when the Risen Lord commissions his disciples to continue the work he has begun with them. It's often paired with Psalm 117, that psalm which is also used at Benediction: 'O praise the Lord, all you nations: praise him, all you peoples.'



*Fr Richard preaching at High Mass  
on Sunday 30 January*

During the weeks which follow the Feast of the Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January, our prayers and attention are particularly directed to the proclamation of the Kingdom and the Church's mission in the world – a proclamation which was *begun* by Jesus in his incarnate life, declaring in his own being that the Kingdom of God was at hand, and *continued* through the life of his Body the Church. In the Epiphany mystery we give thanks for the revealing of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ not just to his ancient People Israel but to *all* nations: we hear Simeon acclaim at Candlemas that Christ is 'a Light to lighten the Gentiles *and* the glory of God's People Israel'.

You and I who are trying to live as Christians are living evidence for the way in which Christ's followers have taken seriously the command to 'go into all the world and proclaim the Good News'. The faith which we profess and the fellowship of which we are part are direct consequences of the Spirit-

filled activity of men, women and children like ourselves who have shared the same hope in the Word made flesh, the same hope in the triumph of Christ Crucified, the same hope in the Resurrection of the Lord and our share in his new life through Baptism.

Catholic Christians such as ourselves understand the Church to be a living body, united in prayer and the breaking of the bread, with a common call to worship in spirit and in truth, to share the love of God in Christ, and to work together for the coming of his Kingdom. For well over a millennium in this country, this work of the Church has been undertaken primarily (though never exclusively) in parishes such as our own: geographical areas for which a priest has particular responsibility and within which the People of God come together to be nourished by the Word of God in the Scriptures, to celebrate the Sacraments of the new covenant by which God's grace is poured into our lives, and to be that salt and light which the Lord asks to be so that the love made visible in Christ might continue be known, and grace (as St Paul put it) extend to more and more people.

A Church of England parish priest is perhaps particularly conscious of this responsibility because he has what is called 'the cure of souls' for everyone who lives in the parish – not just those who happen to come to church – and part of his work, together with the whole Church Family, is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the community given to his care. This proclamation is most effectively accomplished through service, because service is the pattern of life given to us by the Lord who came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'.

In our parish we are greatly blessed in two ways. We're blessed, firstly, by the large number of people who choose to travel (often significant distances) to worship here not just on Sundays but throughout the week, drawn here frequently by the warmth of the community spirit which we nurture as well as by our aspirations to excellence in worship, music and preaching and our commitment to promoting and maintaining catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England. Many of our most active Church Family members make considerable journeys to take a full share in life here, and we are the richer for their contribution.

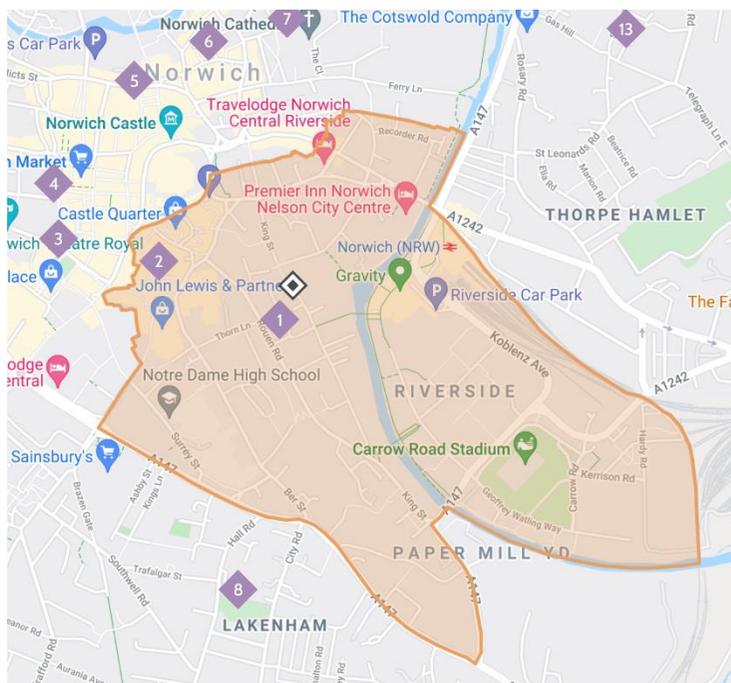
We're blessed, secondly, by the presence within our parish of a church of international importance, hallowed by its associations with Julian of Norwich and thus a place of pilgrimage for Christians from all over the world

as well as a destination for the curious, the academic and the spiritual seeker. While it isn't always straightforward to combine the dual roles of a neighbourhood church and a centre of national and international significance, we believe that by doing so we witness more authentically to what Julian herself would have called the 'homely' love of God in Christ. The shrine and the pilgrimage work keep the eyes and hearts of the Church Family turned outward, and the presence of a living community of Christians makes the shrine a place of genuine prayerfulness and sacramental life rather than a museum or a spiritual Disneyland.

These are just two of the blessings we enjoy in our parish. Neither of them should blind us to our responsibility, under God, to proclaim the Gospel to the community within which we are set.

Our parish is geographically large, as you can see from this map. The churches are not conveniently placed for many of the people who live within our boundaries: number 1 is St Julian's, number 2 is the Parish Church (St John's) and the black and white diamond just above number 1 represents the Rectory. The other numbers on the map are other city centre parish churches.

You can see that the parish includes a large area on the station side of the river, including the stadium at Carrow Road and the Riverside complex. The northern border runs along the edge of the Close before heading west to follow the



permitter of the Castle. The boundary then heads south at the bottom of Timberhill and heads down All Saints Green to Queens Road and Sainsburys.

There are three principal arteries, all roughly parallel with each other dropping down the side of the hill towards the river – Ber Street, Rouen Road and King Street. Thousands of people live within this area, a number which is growing all the time as building work continues following decades of depopulation after the Second World War. Comparatively few have anything to do with our two churches or the life of the Christian community.

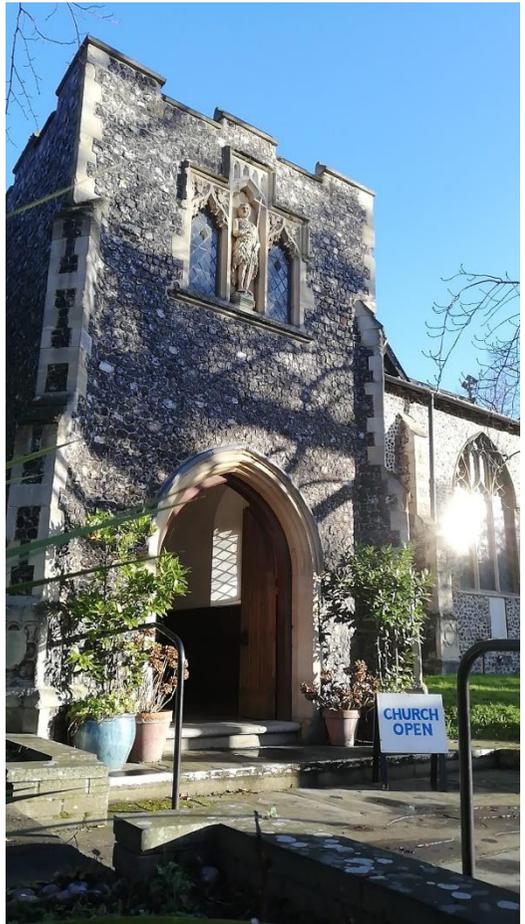
‘We have a gospel to proclaim’ was sung with great gusto at the end of High Mass one Sunday in January – and as the Church Family in this community we are asked primarily (though not exclusively) to proclaim it in this local context and to our neighbours. This is a work in which we all share equally when we choose to make St John’s or St Julian’s our spiritual home – and we thank the Lord for the scores of people who *do* make that choice! Each member of our Church Family is a blessing to the rest; each one shares in our common task of worshipping in spirit and in truth and in bearing witness through deeds of love to our conviction that Christ reigns, and that he sends us to be his hands and feet in his world.

Various things encourage me in this task. Our two churches are both open every day of the week: this is an important witness, widely-appreciated, and we have prioritised it during the pandemic when closing the doors would have been by far the easier option. Fr Edwin has done super work establishing friendships with Charles Darwin Primary School (one of the two schools in our parish) and this work which began from nowhere in September is already bearing fruit. We have renewed and strengthened our links with King Street Neighbours which has a particular concern for the wellbeing of our neighbourhood. At Christmas we undertook various outreach initiatives, including community carol singing and the distribution of homemade festive biscuits to workers in local shops and businesses. Although we lack a hall, during the pandemic we have rediscovered the flexibility of our parish church for fellowship and activities as well as for worship and prayer.

For my own part, I wear clerical dress as I walk about the parish so that there might be another visible sign of the Church’s presence in the community, and I try as much as I can to use the Rectory for the ministry of hospitality and welcome. Each day, in the daily offering of the Mass and daily Morning and Evening Prayer, the needs of our parish and community, and all who live or work here, are offered to God, and the ringing of the bell proclaims to our neighbours that these prayers are offered for them and with them.

'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,' said St John. The life and activity of the Christian family is rooted in the person and work of Christ, who made his home among us and went about doing good. As we emerge from two years of the pandemic, we have an opportunity to think creatively and imaginatively about how we might love and bless our neighbours and form fresh relationships. Our parish church is literally 'a city set on a hill, which cannot be hidden': how might we let our light so shine that others may give glory to our Father in heaven?

Surveying the scene in a similar way in January 1977, my predecessor Fr Michael McLean identified some resources which the parish had: at that time, there were four churches, two parish halls plus the All Hallows Hall (now the Julian Centre), and a staff of two Priests and two Sisters. Things have changed a bit since then, but many challenges were similar (money... buildings...), as longstanding members of our Church Family will attest, and the essential work remains the same as it always has been. As his successor I would add my AMEN to Fr McLean's own conclusion: 'May God the Holy Spirit direct our minds... so that we may serve his people and witness to his love.'



Your friend and parish priest,

Fr Richard

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# John Foottit RIP

On Saturday 8 January, our Head Server and Sacristan John Foottit died peacefully in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, the day after his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was sitting beside him saying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary when he slipped quietly away. Please pray for him, for his sons Michael and Peter and for his whole family in their bereavement.

Many people have paid tribute to John since his death, and there will be more tributes at the time of his funeral. John's body will be received into St John's at 4.30pm on Thursday 17 February, followed by Vespers of the Dead. He will rest in church overnight, and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated the following day, Friday 18 February, at 12 noon, after which his body will be taken to Earlham Crematorium. In due course his cremated remains will be interred along with those of his beloved wife Pamela at Smallburgh. All members of our Church Family are of course warmly invited to both Vespers and the Funeral Mass.

For many of us John exemplified Christian faithfulness and had been a huge part of our Church Family for more than thirty years. An Oblate of the Order of St Benedict, he was a constant and dependable presence in the sanctuary and sacristy whose deep Christian conviction ran far beyond the externals of religion and penetrated every aspect of his life and thought. Quite clear about what he believed, and absolutely committed to the catholicity of the Church, his long life, which was not without sorrow and testing, was characterised by a spirit of self-sacrifice in the service of the Gospel which brought him joy as surely as it was a channel of grace for others.



The Collect for the Epiphany, which we celebrated two days before John's death, asks: 'O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead.' We pray that, according to the promises of Christ, this may be true for John.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon him.

*R.O.S.*

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## Parish notes

### **Christmas collections**

Thanks to your generosity in the Christmas collections, **£210.57** each has been sent to the Matthew Project, the Prison Fellowship and the UNICEF Covid vaccination programme. For the last three years, we have given away the entirety of our Christmas collections to various organisations working to bring light in darkness. During 2021 we also raised money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal, the Additional Curates Society, Christian Aid, the National Aids Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support, and continued our support for the Norwich Foodbank.

### **PCC news**

Our PCC, at its meeting on Tuesday 25 January, (i) heard a presentation from Robert Culyer, Generous Giving Advisor for the Diocese of Norwich; (ii) approved the PCC accounts for 2021 for presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, noting that our total expenditure last year was £88,384; (iii) authorised repair and cleaning work to be undertaken on some of the windows in St John's by Devlin Plummer Stained Glass; (iv) reviewed our Advent and Christmas celebrations; (v) considered our ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic; (vi) discussed our ministry to children and young people; (vii) heard of the successful Archdeacon's Visitation of the benefice earlier this month and received some recommendations. The PCC next meets on Thursday 24 February after Mass at 7pm.

### **Home Communion**

Fr Richard will always be glad to hear of any members of the Church Family who are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home: please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# February 2022

1	Tue	of Requiem
2	Wed	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS</b> 10am LM; 7.30pm Procession and HM
3	Thu	St Blaise
4	Fri	of the Sacred Heart
5	Sat	St Agatha
<b>6</b>	Sun	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (IV before Lent)</b>
7	Mon	Feria
8	Tue	Feria
9	Wed	Feria
10	Thu	St Scholastica
11	Fri	Our Lady of Lourdes
12	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday
<b>13</b>	Sun	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Septuagesima)</b>
14	Mon	SS Cyril and Methodius
15	Tue	Feria
16	Wed	Feria
17	Thu	Seven Holy Founders of the Servites
18	Fri	Feria
19	Sat	Feria ( <i>Ritual Mass of Holy Baptism</i> )
<b>20</b>	Sun	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sexagesima)</b>
21	Mon	St Peter Damian
22	Tue	The Chair of St Peter
23	Wed	St Polycarp
24	Thu	Feria
25	Fri	Feria
26	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday
27	Sun	<b>The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Quinquagesima)</b>
28	Mon	Feria

# We pray for...

The Departed: Year's Minds for February	1
Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ, Light of the World	2
Norman and Graham, our Bishops	3
Growth in our compassion	4
Victims of violence and cruelty	5
<b>Our Parish and People</b>	<b>6</b>
Her Majesty the Queen ( <i>Seventieth Anniversary of the Accession, 1952</i> )	
Norfolk Churches Trust	7
Victims of human trafficking ( <i>Day of Prayer</i> )	8
Pilgrims to the Julian Shrine	9
Vocations to the Religious Life	10
The sick and those who care for them ( <i>World Day of the Sick</i> )	11
The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	12
<b>Our Parish and People</b>	<b>13</b>
The people of Europe	14
Racial justice	15
Norwich City Council	16
Greater zeal for true holiness	17
Our servers and sacristy team	18
Thanksgiving for the new life we have received	19
<b>Our Parish and People</b>	<b>20</b>
Theologians	21
Christian Unity	22
Our Deanery of Norwich East	23
Our Churchwardens and PCC	24
The Julian of Norwich Partnership	25
A good keeping of Lent	26
<b>Our Parish and People</b>	<b>27</b>
The schools of our parish	28

# What's on in February

## **Wednesday 2 February • The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

10am Low Mass (*St Julian's*)

7.30pm Candlemas Procession and High Mass (*St John's*)

*Preacher:* The Revd Stephen Coleman,

Vicar of St Peter's Grange Park in the Diocese of London

*followed by sparkling wine and savouries*

## **Sunday 6 February • Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Act of Thanksgiving at 11am High Mass for the Seventieth Anniversary of the Accession of HM The Queen, 6 February 1952

## **Sunday 13 February • Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Preacher at 11am High Mass: Fr Edwin Wilton-Morgan

## **Thursday 17 February**

4.30pm Reception of the Body of John Foottit RIP

and Vespers of the Dead (*St John's*)

## **Friday 18 February**

12 noon Funeral Mass: John Foottit RIP (*St John's*)

## **Saturday 19 February**

12 noon Low Mass with the Baptism of Jake Harvey (*St John's*)

## **Sunday 20 February • Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Preacher at 11am High Mass:

The Revd Dr Robert Mackley, Vicar of Little St Mary's, Cambridge

## **Wednesday 23 February**

7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting (*St Matthew, Thorpe Hamlet*)

## **Thursday 24 February**

7pm Low Mass (*St John's*) followed by PCC meeting

## **Monday 28 February**

7pm Shrovetide Parish Pancake Party with bingo (*St John's*)

Monday 28 February  
7pm in St John's

## Shrovetide Parish Pancake Party

Join us for a fun social evening before Lent: pancakes with various fillings will be served, followed by a game of bingo (with prizes!)

£5 per person (pay on the door)  
Please sign up on the list in church



All welcome

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### Our Church Family supports the

**Norwich Foodbank.** Current needs at the Foodbank include long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, jam, peanut butter, single toothbrushes and hair conditioner. Contributions may be brought to St John's or to the Rectory at any time. In the twelve months to 31 January 2022, Norwich

Foodbank gave 9,121 food parcels to local people, including 3,158 children.

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## From the Parish Registers

### Communicants and collections

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Collection</i> <i>(envelopes and cash)</i>
<i>Week beginning</i> 2 January	49	80	£102.00
9 January	51	41	£61.17
16 January	65	40	£142.00
23 January	66	54	£275.00

*The collection figure above does not include the amount given by standing order, which averages £3,000 a month.*

Wednesday 2 March

# ASH WEDNESDAY

The beginning of the holy season of Lent

10am Low Mass and Imposition of Ashes (*St Julian's*)

12 noon Low Mass and Imposition of Ashes (*St John's*)

## 7.30pm High Mass and Imposition of Ashes

(*St John's*)

*We should all be at Mass to begin Lent well*

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## Looking to Lent

*'Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery'*

### Confessions before Lent

A Priest will be available in St John's on Shrove Tuesday (1 March) *after* the 12 noon Mass, from 4pm to 5pm, and at other times by appointment.

### Tuesdays in Lent (*beginning Tuesday 8 March*)

**Lent Lunch** follows the 12 noon Mass in St John's: soup, bread, fruit, cheese and fellowship. Donations in aid of the Bishop of Norwich's Lent Appeal to purchase beds for the Sag Sag Health Centre in Papua New Guinea. Speak to Patricia Menaul if you could assist with one of these lunches.

### Thursdays in Lent (*beginning Thursday 3 March*)

**Holy Hour** at 11am at St John's: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent prayer. Benediction at 11.50am closes the Holy Hour, and Mass follows at 12 noon.

### Fridays in Lent (*beginning Friday 4 March*)

**Stations of the Cross** at 12 noon at St John's. There'll also be Stations of the Cross with Benediction at 6pm on Palm Sunday (10 April).

*Further parts of our Lent programme will be announced soon.*

Friday 25 March

# Feast of the Annunciation

**7.30pm Pontifical High Mass**

*(St John's)*

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd the Bishop of Richborough*

*followed by wine and cake –*

*an evening's relaxation of Lenten discipline in honour of this joyful feast*

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Saturday 2 April • 10.30am at St John's

## **Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

*Coffee will be served before the meeting • Mass follows at 12 noon*

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Sunday 3 April • 6pm at St John's

## **Via Crucis**

A devotion for Passiontide

A newly-composed organ work (2021) by Philip Moore  
played by David Ballard:

prayers on the Passion by Eric Milner-White interspersed with music

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Saturday 7 May • Julian Lecture • 12 noon at St Julian's

## **Julian of Norwich and Ecological Consciousness**

How the spirituality of Julian of Norwich  
might guide our response to the ecological crisis

A lecture by Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert,  
Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute

*presented by the Friends of Julian in association with the Montgomery Trust*

# The words above the pavement

A Sermon preached by Fr Richard Stanton, Parish Priest,  
at the High Mass

on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time:

23 January 2022

**Lections** Nehemiah 8.2-6, 8-10: *All the people listened attentively to the Law*  
I Corinthians 12.12-30: *You together are Christ's body*  
St Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21: *This text is being fulfilled today*

**'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'** (*St Luke 4.21*)

Coming out of the station building at London Liverpool Street on Friday afternoon, I had some time before my first appointment in Pall Mall at 4 o'clock, so I decided to walk through London rather than going by tube or cab. It was a fresh afternoon and not too busy, and it was a good chance for some exercise. The walk took about an hour and twenty minutes – and in that time, as I walked through the streets of the capital city, with the sole exception of St Paul's Cathedral, I do not *think* that I passed one church that was open. Perhaps I missed one, though I was looking pretty hard. If I wanted to buy shoes, or fried food; if I wanted to get my hair done, or look at art, or book tickets at the box office; even if I wanted to browse the offerings in the bookshop of the Protestant Truth Society, the signs were out and the doors were open to me. But the doors of the churches were closed.

Now, fine, there could be all sorts of mitigating circumstances and explanations and we're not here to criticise what our brothers and sisters are doing; we've got plenty to work on ourselves. But as I walked through the streets it did set me thinking about what the Church of Jesus Christ *is*, what and *who* the Church is *for*. Can we be surprised that so often the Church is seen as at best an irrelevance if the closed doors of old buildings are the closest contact which most people have with it? There's a rather powerful picture by the illustrator Norman Rockwell in 1957 which depicts crowds of busy men, women and children hastening along the pavement outside the open doors of St Thomas Fifth Avenue; they're all looking at the ground, laden with briefcases and papers and shopping bags, 'harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd' as St Matthew puts it when Jesus looks out at the crowds on whom he had compassion. At the top of the steps to the church doors, a

verger is up a ladder changing the text on the central noticeboard, and the letters he's putting up read: 'LIFT UP THINE EYES.'

Well, surely *that's* one invitation which the open doors of a church offer, for those with eyes to see or ears to hear, or for those who are hungry and recognise in themselves a lack which this world cannot supply. An invitation, yes, and also a challenge – 'lift up thine eyes'. As I walked through London I felt modestly proud of our Church Family, proud of our two churches which are open to all every day in the heart of this city, proud that every day of the year we offer Christ for the needs of our time at the altar of the living God, proud that we see our churches not primarily as museums or mausoleums but as the Father's house in which all find a home and therefore as places of genuine hospitality and welcome. Now the vocation and mission

of a parish church is *not* adequately discharged simply by opening a door, and just doing that is not enough when it comes to our work of proclaiming the Gospel, but opening the door *is* a start and a recognition that this is not simply some sort of clubhouse for the initiated. We don't think it's easy, of course, and you know we have our problems with vandalism and nuisance-making, but we chose last year to invest in improved security systems not to keep people *out* but precisely to keep people *in*, to enable us to continue to be open responsibly rather than taking the 'other way' of closing the doors to preserve what lies inside.



*The Asperges at the start of High Mass on Sunday  
9 January, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*

'Lift up thine eyes' – that's what they did in the Gospel today, in the synagogue, when Jesus having read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah proclaimed himself as the one who had been anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to bring sight to the blind, to set the

downtrodden free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. 'All eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him' when he had said that this text was being fulfilled, was being *actualised*, even in their hearing – and that's true of us too whenever we gather as the People of God to hear the word proclaimed. That's why we turn in as one body for the proclamation of the Sunday Gospel, facing together to the place where the Gospel is read because we believe that, in the words which we hear, Jesus the Living Word continues to speak *today* to his gathered people. 'Jesus, Lord, we look to thee' we sang in our gradual hymn, and we recognise in the proclamation of God's word a constantly renewed confirmation of our calling and an active reminder of what we are and what we must become.

Attentiveness to Jesus in Word and Sacrament forms us as a Christian family in the manner which St Paul expresses in today's epistle, one body in which each member is an indispensable part. We seldom think of ourselves in that way, and in one sense that's good for us – after all, the graveyards of the world are full of indispensable people and humility is a Christian virtue. Yet St Paul wants us to recognise that we, who have all been baptised in one Spirit, are gathered together through Christ into a unity in which we cannot say of one another: 'I have no need of you.' There should not be disagreements in the body, he says, but each should be equally concerned for all the others. Actualising this is the work of the Spirit within us and something to which we all need to attend as we seek to stir up among us the gifts we have received, and our shortcomings in this work are the source of particular penitence as we keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In this Week, which ends on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul this Tuesday, we unite our prayers with those of our Lord that those who believe in him may be one as he is one with his Father. The road to such unity cannot be travelled by any earthly means, because it is identical with the road of the Cross. Christ, who loved us so much that he gave himself for us, calls us to continue his work of reconciliation, and we begin to do this when we look steadily to him, draw closer to him and so to all who also look to him, and recognise that we have been bound together in a new family so that we may work together for his Kingdom. This is the pattern of life to which we are called and by which we know the promises of Jesus fulfilled, a pattern in which, like the first Christians, we are 'united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart.' And let each of us say: Let it begin with me.

Amen.

# Christmas Supper at the Rectory



On Tuesday 4 January, members of our PCC and retired clergy who assist in the parish were entertained to a Christmas supper at the Rectory as our festivities continue. Eighteen of us enjoyed a few glasses of wine, a three course supper and much laughter and fellowship beside the Christmas tree. It was a good opportunity to thank those who, in one particular way, help to lead our parish and serve our Church Family.



# WORSHIP WITH US

**We warmly welcome you.**

<b>Sundays</b>	9am Low Mass	<i>St Julian's</i>
	11am High Mass and Sermon	<i>St John's</i>
	6pm Evensong (said)	<i>St John's</i>

## **Weekdays**

<i>The Mass</i>	Monday 10am	<i>St Julian's</i>
	Tuesday 12 noon	<i>St John's</i>
	Wednesday 10am	<i>St Julian's</i>
	Thursday 12 noon	<i>St John's</i>
	Friday 5pm	<i>St Julian's</i>
	Saturday 12 noon	<i>St John's</i>

<i>The Rosary</i>	Monday 10.30am	<i>St Julian's</i>
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<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am	<i>St Julian's</i>
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<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Tuesday to Saturday 6pm	<i>St Julian's</i>
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## *The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Confessions may be heard at any time  
by arrangement with the Parish Priest

St John's and St Julian's are both **open daily** for prayer, quiet and visiting. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved on the High Altar of both churches for the Communion of the Sick and the devotion of the faithful.

We warmly welcome enquiries about **baptisms and weddings**.

We will be pleased to help you in any way we can.



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**On the cover:** Low Mass at the High Altar in St Julian's. The daily offering of the Eucharist is at the heart of our parish life.

*Photo: Jeremy Warren*