



# BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD 24 JANUARY 2021



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



God's love. It set fire to a bush in the desert, didn't it, and smashed open graves and set the dead walking in the dark? Oh, a man like me would run a mile to get away if he felt that love around."

*Graeme Greene*

### WATER POTS AT KANA

Weekly diary

<b>When</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
<b>Sun 24 Jan</b>	10am	Paul Jenkins	Roy Nicholson	Rob Pearson
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b>	10am	Valerie Pearce	Chaplain	

### **Candlemas** Tues 2 Feb – 10am

*Please follow communion protocols – there is a laminated sheet for ministers. We hold each other in our prayers: worshipping online, in person or quietly alone. Please bring Picture above to service.*

## Chaplain's notes

### Poetry Machine

We had a great time at the Poetry Machine event on Tuesday and have expressed an interest in attending other community events like this – watch this space for information!



Our poem will appear in an artwork being created from a collaboration between Turner Works and YOU&ME Architecture as part of the Bromley regeneration project. The poet Beth Calverley was delightful and produced a moving poem based on our conversation about Bromley Past Future and Present. I am hoping we can publish here with permission.

### Crib and Inspiritus' bear



Inspiritus' Bear is waiting in the empty crib with pencils and music for the return of the choir

### Aerials

Paul (M) may have solved the problem with the communal aerial system. Before we break open the pop corn and TV dinners, could you please try plugging in the aerial wire from your TV into the aerial socket in the wall and see if this works. Please contact the office if you would like help with this and with the result!

## Heating

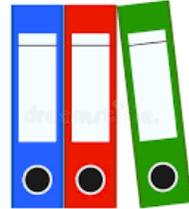
Apologies for heating blips over the last couple of weeks. We carried out some emergency works which upset our boilers for a few days. Hopefully the technicians have fixed it now. Let us know.

## Smoke alarms

The smoke alarms that were installed 5 years' ago by the Fire Brigade have now expired. It is the sensors that fail. We will not wait for them to start bleeping, Darren will be approaching you to replace them in your flats over the next week or so.

## Folders available

In the office we have lots of lever arch files and other storage boxes – please do not buy any before looking at what we can give you for nothing!



## Silent prayer group

The silent prayer group invite us to light a candle and display in our window on Monday at 5.30pm as we pray silently for the colleges and our lives together .



## Storage

Jane and Paul have done some sterling work here. Please keep your storage under review and remove what is never going to be used!

*Be patient, be blessed, be well! Chaplain*

## Covid lockdown

Please let the office know when you have had your vaccination. We have been promised a bit more freedom when all these have been done. Also please follow protocols for falls. Call paramedics, do not help someone up. This could damage them or you, and there is a risk that you could be infected with the virus.

HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds. The virus cannot survive soap!
FACE	Wear face covering inside when with people with whom you are not in a bubble. Open windows!
SPACE	Keep 2m apart or 1m with face-covering and ventilation

## A Lockdown Sonnet (or is it?)

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
 I'll sanitize the doorknob and make a cup of tea.  
 I won't go down to the sea again; I won't go out at all,  
 I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall.  
 There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of Katmandu  
 But I shan't be seeing him just yet and nor, I think, will you.  
 While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to Mandalay  
 I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.  
 I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye  
 Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye.  
 About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go  
 To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow,  
 And no, I won't be travelling much, within the realms of gold,  
 Or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold.  
 Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends  
 Nor come within a mile of you, until this trial ends.

*Peter Fall at St. Mary's Bromley*

## Epiphany 3

### 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. **Amen**

### Scripture

#### Genesis 14:17-20

#### Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

## Psalm 128

### John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 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, '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.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### 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.     **Amen**

## Prayer list

<b>Anglican Cycle</b>	The Church of Bangladesh
<b>Rochester cycle</b>	Strood deanery The Rev Sharon Copestake, Area Dean; Mr Ken Reynolds, Lay Chair
<b>College</b>	Zena Makambwe and The Chaplain
<b>Community</b>	Welcare and all social workers, NHS and all hospitals
<b>Collegians who have moved away</b>	David and Diane Cossar, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Charles Potter, Mary Roberts, Pam Dawson, John and Joyce Ilson, Mary Watts, Ken Hewitt and Sarah Grove
<b>Those who are sick or have asked us to pray</b>	Jenny Balmer, June Dakin, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, Richard Handforth, John Harris, Cecil Heatley (recovery from his operation and safe return) Geoffrey Howard, Stuart Leck, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White
<b>Years Mind Anniversary</b>	Joyce Bernard, Annabel "Nancy" Shone, Rosie De Ste Croix, Ethel Mau Senior
<b>Those who have died</b>	Betty Bewick, Joyce Brooks, Sylvie Wray and her partner Pat, Josephine Newtown, Father Eric Simmons CR

*Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list.*