



BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD 31 JANUARY 2021



4TH SUNDAY OF EPHIPHANY



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Humans need fantasy
to be human. To be the
place where the falling
angel meets the rising
ape.

Terry Pratchett

This week we have a special supplement for Brandy's Big Birthday!

Weekly diary

When	Service	President	Reader	Intercessor
Sun 31 Jan	10am	Chaplain	Robbie Dennis	Brandy Pearson
Tues 2 Feb	10am	Chaplain	Rob Pearson	Brandy Pearson

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

Prayer for the Nation

Bishops James and Simon have invited us to pray daily at 6pm from 1st February for those who have died with Covid 19, the bereaved and carers.

Extract from their letter:

“100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God.

We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.”

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to
persevere
and face the future with
hope
in Jesus Christ our risen
Lord. **Amen.**



Resources here:

www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation

Great Big Art Exhibition

A nationwide people's art project! The idea came from Firstsite, a visual arts organisation in Colchester, Essex, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.



Every two weeks, a different artist will choose a subject for the public to respond to in what the organisers hope will be a rolling nationwide exhibition, ending on 30 April.

This fortnight it is **Anthony Gormley and "dogs"**. We are invited to put something in our windows to share; it doesn't have to be fine art, or even recognisable!

Cat and Mouse drama

Three champion mouser cats live on the premises. I do not understand why all of a sudden we have a mouse problem! Several people have reported unwelcome visitors in their flats. Please let the office know so that we can investigate.

As a precaution, I know this is common sense, but just to remind ourselves, don't leave food out overnight, store left-overs and cereals etc. in airtight plastic containers, and empty rubbish bins more often.

Oh, and don't leave food out that might be eaten by hunting cats: they need to be a little hungry to motivate them!



Roy Nicholson

Congratulations to Roy who has passed Grade 6 Harp with Merit – we are truly blessed by his talents!

Smoke alarms and essential electrics 1-5 Feb

Darren will be approaching you this week to replace all your smoke detectors.

Also, Alfie from A Gore Electrical who carried out the electrical certification works, will be asking for access to your

flat to carry out minor works from Tuesday to Friday. The work is generally small but essential for us to be properly certified and safe.

Be creative, be revived, be well! Chaplain

Covid lockdown

Many people have been vaccinated now and we can feel the mood lifting as more freedom looks like a possibility

Our worship has been blessed by sunshine – if a bit chilly!



HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
FACE	Wear face covering inside. Open windows!
SPACE	Keep 2m apart or 1m with face-covering and ventilation

Epiphany 3

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Revelation 12:1-5a

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

Psalm 111

Mark 1:21-28

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**



*Happy Birthday,
Brandy! (3 Feb)
Raise a glass at 5pm
the bell will be rung!*

Prayer list

Anglican Cycle	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Rochester cycle	Tonbridge deanery The Rev Dr Miriam Barker, Area Dean; Dr Sally Musson (proxy), Lay Chair
College	The Benefactors and Founders of our Colleges
Community	RSPCA, Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals and WWF
Collegians who have moved away	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
Those who are sick or have asked us to pray	Jenny Balmer, June Dakin, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, Richard Handforth, John Harris, Cecil Heatley (recuperating), Geoffrey Howard, Stuart Leck, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White
Years Mind Anniversary	Michael Saward, Peter Baxter, Eileen Thompson, Philip Arthur Traylor.
Those who have died	Betty Bewick, Sister Frances CSC

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