

PEW NEWS

MILBORNE PORT, MILBORNE WICK, GOATHILL, CHARLTON HORETHORNE AND STOWELL.

Sunday 24 January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18–25 January

Dear friends,

As I was reading the story of the wedding of Cana this week for some reason my wedding popped into my head. I got married in a small village about the size of Charlton Horethorne and we had our reception in the village hall next door. It was a do it yourself affair and that morning Dad couldn't find the crate of wine he had bought. It had got tucked under a table and no one had thought to lift the table cloth to see. Bless him, he panicked and crossed the road to the little post office and store and bought up every random bottle they had. There was an innate need to be generous and hospitable to the villagers and to celebrate. It really would not have mattered if we had no wine. We would still have celebrated. Of course the original crate appeared, there was more than enough and we had a good party. 23 years later we were back in the same village hall only this time it was for Dads wake. A villager turned up from the local vineyard with a crate of sparkling wine which I dually thanked him for and we enjoyed celebrating Dads life. It wasn't until I got home and googled the vineyard and nearly choked when I realised what we had been drinking and the price of the bottle.

I love the story of Jesus turning water into wine there is something about the generosity and overflowing abundance of God's love. It reminds me a bit about the feeding of the 5000 with 2 small fish and 5 loaves. Here is a God, longing to pour good things into our lives. A God who loves us so extravagantly that his love is overflowing with more than enough.

The disciples see the abundance of good wine as a sign of God's presence among them. They allow themselves to be transformed by the miracle and they believe in Jesus. Perhaps the old containers in the story are a bit like our tired bodies. Jesus can transform what's in the container. Water into wine signifies the effect that new life in Jesus that can have in peoples lives. An extravagant overflowing of life with new possibilities

Services and events this week:

Friday 22nd 10.00am is the funeral of Bob Lock at Yeovil crematorium (family only)

Listen out for the bell tolling at St Johns at 10am in memory of Bob a lifelong bell ringer. A service of thanksgiving for Bob's life will take place in the summer.

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Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Readings

Revelation 19.6–10

⁶Then 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.

⁷ 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;

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ 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.'

John 2.1–11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Services this week:

Sunday 24th January Epiphany 3 - The wedding at Cana

Sunday service on zoom

Joining details

Time: Jan 23, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82960465833?pwd=bWtoMncweGU4VXB6YjlVa3JHVETzdzo9>

Meeting ID: 829 6046 5833

Passcode: 305361

Wednesday 27th 10.30am

A service of spiritual communion with Sarah via telephone

Joining instructions:

Using your telephone (landline OR mobile) dial: **0333 0164 757**

See if you can put your phone on 'speaker' or 'hands free' so that you can move it away from your ear. This isn't essential but might make it easier for you.

You will hear a woman's voice saying "Welcome to Whypay (*and a short marketing message*)" then, "Please enter your conference room number followed by the hash key". So using your keypad type in:

55373818 # this is the Room Number

You will then hear the same voice say "Please enter your Guest Pin followed by the hash key" So using your keypad type in:

5047 # this is the Guest Pin

When you are connected if you are the first on the line some music will play, when someone arrives you will hear a tone, just say hello to each other and when everyone is there we will begin.

The service sheet is on our website and is called phone communion.. If you want a hard copy please ask Sarah. Please dial in from 10.20am.