

## NOTICES

### Vicarage Open House and Drinks

You're warmly invited for social drinks at the vicarage **on Sunday 29th January between 3pm-6pm**. Please feel free to drop in anytime and stay for as little or long as you like. A selection of beverages will be provided, but you are also very welcome to bring your own. Hope to see you there! Please contact staff for the address.

### Peregrine Falcon Talk

Local Raptor enthusiasts, Richard Sale and Steve Watson will present a talk about all aspects of Peregrine life- including data and photographs from the Evesham Bell Tower, Charing Cross Hospital and a quarry in Castleweary Scotland. This event is being held on **Saturday 14th January at 2.00 pm**, The Parish Church of All Saints, Evesham, off Market Place, WR11 4RW.

### For our Prayers this Week

*For those who are sick, in special need or housebound:*

Mark, Dave, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Anne, Thelma, Helen, (Pat's daughter).

*For the family and friends of those who have died:* Ron, Aileen, Kevin, Matthew, Aileen, Rosemary.



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023



### Today's Services and Events – New Year's Day

- 10.00am New Year's Day All Together Service

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this.

The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

### Church Diary for the Week

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> January- 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> January - 10.00am: Choir Practice
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> January – 11.00am Church Cleaning

### Next Sunday's Services and Events – 8<sup>th</sup> January

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Praise
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: All Together Service

## **Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **Bible Reading: Numbers 6. 22-27**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

## **NT Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 2. 15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

