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UBLEY

## Church Link

Epiphany II

No. 94

Sunday 16 January 2022

*God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Post Communion prayer for Epiphany II

All are invited to come to the Benefice Eucharist on Sunday 16th January in St Andrew's Church, Blagdon at 10:15am.

A reminder that Ubley Churchyard Working Party will meet tomorrow, Saturday 15th January from 9:30am. Please [contact](#) Judith Longhurst and Diana Coles for information.

Yours in Fellowship,  
Revd. Simon Lewis  
Laura Williams

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### Listening to God

Please join us at 7pm every Thursday evening at St Bartholomew's Church, Ubley for half an hour of reflective prayer in the Lectio Divina style.

We will have the opportunity to share our reflections with the group but not debate or judge. Both locally, nationally and globally the Church is facing great challenges and change. Come along to help discern what might be appropriate for our local area at this time.

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### - Epiphany II -

#### Worship this week

##### Sunday 16th January -

- 10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon

##### Monday 17th January

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

##### Tuesday 18th January

- 10:00am - Mini Melodies, a Toddler Group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

##### Wednesday 19th January

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

##### Thursday 20th January

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon
- 12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom
- 7:00pm - Listening to God, a prayer group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

The 10:15am Eucharist on Sunday 23rd January will be at St Michael's Church, Compton Martin.

Our three parish churches will be open for individual prayer every day from 9am - 5pm  
Please wear a face covering inside our buildings and observe social distancing.

## Reading and Reflection Epiphany II - Spiritual Gifts

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

#### Spiritual Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. Use them wisely.

#### A Reflection

The apostle Paul sometimes has a bad press. In parallel with glorious reflections on the way Christians should be in their relations to other people and within the church, he is a social and political conservative. He tells his readers to obey lawful authority; he does not fight 'the state'; he has ideas about the status of women that have no place in the present day; he accepted and tolerated slavery. He was, in effect, a man of his own time, writing and speaking surrounded with the assumptions of the society and culture in which he lived. But in his theology, in his looking forward to the world to come, he is a real radical; in both of those the implications resound today.

The truly radical theology, then and now, shines out in the passage you read today; it continues through the next two weeks. These two chapters in the First Letter to Corinth are arguably the most richly coloured 'purple passages' in all of Paul's writing. They are both a template for the daily life of any Church family in any place on earth, and also the foundation of the way Christians must be with one another and with the world.

All of us within the Church are flawed human beings; you endeavour to live up to what God hopes you to be. In today's passage from the letter, Paul reminds you that everyone has gifts and talents although we do not always use them to best advantage; Paul reminds you, that as you try to use those gifts in the service of our Lord, so you should try to recognise the gifts in others. It may be true St Paul says, that 'all these gifts are the activity of the one same Spirit.'

#### And prayer for us all

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of my nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of my life  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

## Online Worship Epiphany II - 16 January 2022

Please join our online worship for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, which will be hosted on our website from 10:30am on Sunday 9th January.

[Click here to join](#)

## Children's Corner

How well do you know your sheep? This week's Young Church Mag looks at sheep in the Bible with colouring, codes and puzzles to help you sort your rams from your lambs. It's available by clicking [this link](#) to download.

### Worship in January 2022

**Sunday 2nd January - Epiphany**  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon  
3:00pm - Reflections, Creationtide to Epiphany St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Sunday 9th January - The Baptism of Christ**  
9:00am - Holy Communion in the Spirit of the Book of Common Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley  
4:00pm - Messy Church, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Sunday 16th January - Epiphany III**  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Sunday 23rd January - Epiphany IV**  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
5:00pm - Evening Worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Sunday 30th January - Candlemas**  
10:15am - Sunday Eucharist, St Hugh's, Charterhouse-on-Mendip

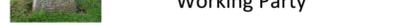
**Weekday Worship**

**Monday 10th, 17th & 24th January**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley  
9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Tuesday 11th, 18th & 25th January**  
10:00am - Mini Melodies - a Toddler Group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Wednesday 12th, 19th & 26th January**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Thursday 13th, 20th & 27th January**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon  
12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom  
Please email [benefice.bcmu@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.bcmu@gmail.com) for the link



### Ubley Churchyard

#### Working Party

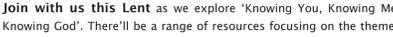
A big thank you to everyone who helped to weed and prune last year. The churchyard is looking so much better.

Weather permitting we are starting again on Saturday  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Usual time 9.30-11.30am

Everyone welcome

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## Connect



**Join with us this Lent** as we explore 'Knowing You, Knowing Me, Knowing God'. There'll be a range of resources focusing on the themes of offering and receiving welcome, hospitality, inclusion, and generosity as a way of better knowing and understanding others, ourselves, and God during Lent 22 and beyond.

2022 will also be the year when we welcome a new Diocesan Bishop and hopefully, we will be able to welcome 19 Bishops and their spouses from across the world as part of the "Big Hello" before the Lambeth Conference. The focus of welcome, hospitality, inclusion, and generosity, echo the new strategy for the Church of England and our Diocese. These four themes may also help us all to consider how we can contribute to becoming a more diverse church - more representative of the populations we seek to serve. It will also challenge us to go into our communities to receive the hospitality of other groups and individuals as Jesus did, which means being willing to receive what they have to offer and the way they do things to achieve similar aims to ourselves (Luke 10:6).

The resources will include videos of new residents of Somerset, weekly bible reflections with study questions, a weekday video and conversation starter, and useful links relating to the themes.



### Archdeacons Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'.

But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us.

We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeacon Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

Full details of this year's Archdeacon Days, including registration, worship, podcasts and downloadable content are available on the Bath & Wells website, by clicking [this link](#).

## Prayer within our Community

**We have been asked to pray for:**

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for Britta and her parents Roger and Kathy, Neil and Margaret, and Gerald.

In the Parish of Ubley, please pray for Nigel.

In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for Ann and Robert, for Ceinwen and Robert.

Please pray for Massimo and his family as they prepare for his baptism next month, and Mark and Carly, Matthew and Megan and Joseph and Alexandra as they prepare for marriage.

*Heavenly Father,  
help me to see opportunities to share your love with the people I meet.  
Show me how to serve them, and when to speak.  
I pray too for my church and the churches in my area,  
that we will be effective in telling the Jesus story  
and giving people ways to find out more and to respond.  
Amen*

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click [here](#) to send us your requests.

## Community Support and Help Details

Support is available in all our villages for anyone who is self-isolating:

**For those who live in Ubley**

**Ubley Cares**

Landline: 462827 speak to Jonathan Longhurst  
Email: [jl1andj2@sky.com](mailto:jl1andj2@sky.com)

**For those who live in Compton Martin:**

**Coronavirus support in Compton Martin Parish**

Email: [comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com](mailto:comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com)  
Landline: 221415 speak to Jean Luckett  
Mobile: 07968 861118 speak to Jean Luckett  
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