



# The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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**Ministry Area of De Morgannwg**

*'Nine Churches United to Bring Jesus' Love to the Community'*



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## **Welcome to the churches of**

St Peter, Dinas Powys, St Andrew, St Andrew Major and  
St Michael, Michaelston - le - Pit

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## Collect

Creator God, 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Amen



## A reading from Ezekiel 43. 27-44.4

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

*This is the word of the Lord*

## R Thanks be to God



## A reading from 1 Corinthians 13. 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues,

they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**R Thanks be to God**



## **The Gospel**

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke 2. 22-40**

**R Glory to you, O Lord**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**R Praise be to thee O Christ**



### Post Communion Prayer

Living 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**

### The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

World Leprosy Day, Homeless Sunday and Education Sunday

Baglan: Port Talbot Ministry Area (St. Baglan, St. Catherine)

Stephen Jenkyns (V) Canon Elaine Jenkyns (MAL) Pam Luke (Reader)

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

### Online Services

A service is broadcast on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 8am. It can be watched again on our website [www.stpetersdinaspowys.org.uk](http://www.stpetersdinaspowys.org.uk)

### Ministry Area - Transition from PCC to Church Council

The first vestry meeting of the new Ministry Area took place on Monday evening via zoom. Thanks to all who came. As the Ministry Area of De Morgannwg develops PCCs will change to become church councils. If you have any questions about this process please don't hesitate to ask us.

### **Fourth Sunday before Lent**

Isaiah 6. 1-8, [9-13], 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11, Luke 5. 1-11

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