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The office is now closed to everyone apart from clergy and churchwardens.

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Prayers

Please pray for those who live in Church Street, High Street, Jennyery Lane, Penn House

Prayers for the sick and in need:
Chris, Susan, David, Tanya

Recently Departed Philip Armstrong,
Paul Stevens, Elizabeth Plummer

From the Book of Remembrance

Patricia Whittaker, Walter Young,
Sylvia Clark, David Patterson, Irene
Clarke, Hubert Harbut

Please continue to pray for Rev'd
Janet, Rev'd Sue and Rev'd Samson.

Please contact Pam in the office if you would like us to add a loved one to the prayer list

CHILDREN

We believe that children and young people can follow Jesus and be full members of the church, and that discipleship is possible at any age. They are integral to our churches,

but we need to make sure there are no obstacles preventing them from getting involved.

Let the little children come to me and do not stop them. Luke 1

SERVICES

WE WILL KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE ABLE AND ALLOWED, BUT PLEASE DO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE JOINING US IN CHURCH

We will be continuing to stream our services on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/StPetersChurchBurnham>

Sunday 8am Book of Common Prayer

Paused until after Easter

Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist in church and YouTube

Mon- Fri 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Mon- Fri 5pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 12.30pm Parish Eucharist in Church

Thursday 1pm Meditation

Contact Barry for details of virtual meditation

barry@stpetersburnham.org or contact

Pam on the office number if you do not have access to email

We are now able to receive Holy Communion in two kinds- both bread and wine-intincted by Reverend Janet.



**In order to keep within the guidelines, please :
Sanitise your hands before receiving
Keep your mask on**

Do not consume until you have returned to your seat

Please help us to keep our church open and our congregation and clergy safe by sanitising your hands, wearing a mask, and practising social distancing at all times.



You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

INTERCESSIONS

Thank you **Pete** for this week's prayers

Words of the Curate

I am sure Happy New Year is still appropriate even though with all the news in recent time on COVID, it does not feel like a happy one and hope seems to be fading with each passing day.

Coming to the end of last year especially with the news of the vaccine, there was such hope in the air, although the well discerning ones amongst us might have seen the lockdown (or is it tier 4) lurking, not me, I didn't. The lockdown though necessary, based on what experts are saying, is not welcomed. For me it has meant delaying getting to know parishioners better. It is very challenging recognising people when all you've ever seen is them with a facemask. Going to visit or inviting people over is not an option. I was very humbled with the Christmas cards we received, but sadden because for one or two of the cards I do not know the sender – even though one lives on our street. No thanks to Corona Virus.

One of my life-long reflection is – "what do we do in prayers?" Life-long, because when I think I have the answer, then another answer is revealed to me. In the gospel of today we come across Nathanael, a-straight-shooter, who says it as he sees it. When Philip told him about Jesus of

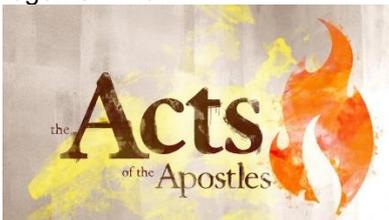


Nazareth; he answered; *can anything good come out of Nazareth?* It is interesting that Jesus did not condemn him for such a way of thinking or speaking about a whole town or group of people. Nathanael was very true to his feelings and at the end he had the revelation (Epiphany) and went to address Jesus as *Rabbi, the Son of God*. This has given me another answer to what we do in prayer – we tell it to God as we feel!



Prayers give us opportunity to tell it all to God exactly how we feel. And, yes, for me it has been challenging but thanking God for the gift of science, we now have the vaccine and it is coming into Burnham by next week, as I read in the NHW email. Although I might be lower on the pecking order for receiving the vaccine, I am hopeful that with more people receiving it, the lockdown restrictions will be gradually eased. Happy New year.

PEWSHEET BIBLE STUDY from a Vicar who believes in Christ's body here on earth, who enjoys to play and pray, laugh and cry, love and learn together in faith.



Week 37

Read Acts of the Apostles Chapter 25

Read it through once and reflect with the questions, what did you hear, see, say and do?

Sometimes when we pray and wait for God to act, part of the answer is that God is indeed going to act, but God will do so through our taking proper human responsibility in the matter.

Rather like the joke of the man who asked God is he could win the lottery, and God saying first buy a ticket.

There are times when the answer is, the Lord will fight for you, and you

only have to keep still. (Exodus 14:14). Other times it is, be strong and very courageous for you shall put this people in possession of the land I swore to give them. (Joshua 1:6)

Discerning and discovering which one is used in which circumstance is hard for Christians and Christian leaders.

At this point in Paul's life, he has been promised by God through his sense of vocation and has been promised by Jesus through a vision that he will get to Rome. Paul himself has to take responsibility, at one level, for making this happen.

In your experience how have you discerned when to keep still and allow God to act, and when have you taken the initiative and taken action?

Looking back would you have done anything differently?

Looking at Festus what kind of person do you think he is?

In Festus report to Agrippa, what is the main point about Christianity that he mentions?

Festus summary of what happens to Paul, shows us how the Christian faith appears to a pagan.

How is Paul's case explained to Agrippa from Festus' point of view?

Bernice was Herod Agrippa the second's sister, and rumours were rife that their relationship was incestuous.

What do you see in Paul's character at this time?

We will continue to meet on Zoom If you would like to join us, please contact

admin@stpetersburnham.org or Reverend Janet

NOTICES

We have always celebrated birthdays at St Peter's during the Sunday Service, however as more and more people are attending 'virtually' we are missing wishing many people a Happy Birthday.

We are now going to set up a birthday book, so please could you let Pam know when your birthday is, so we don't miss anybody. Just send an email to the office,



or pop a note through the letterbox You don't need to give your year of birth, just the day and month, and obviously permission to publicise in our service and on the pew leaflet.

ALTAR FRONTALS

You may have noticed our new altar frontal which arrived just before Christmas



We have ordered new ones for all the church seasons, as our current frontals are all disintegrating.

The frontals are all handmade to order and cost between £550 and £650 each. If you would like to make a donation towards them, this would be most gratefully received. We can also arrange for a personalised dedication to be embroidered on the back of the cloth if you would like to buy one in memory of a loved one.

Please speak to Reverend Janet or either of the churchwardens for further information

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This will be held on Sunday 24th January. More details to follow when we receive them!

PANCAKE PARTY

As we cannot have our usual pancakes in church this year, we will be holding a Zoom Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday 16th Feb at 7.30pm.



It is purely a social evening where we can eat our pancakes together, and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink whilst partaking in a fun quiz. If you would like to join in, please contact Rev'd Janet or Pam by Friday 12th, so we can send out the Zoom link

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

Despite lockdown we still managed a few events last year.



The S & F committee will be meeting on Wednesday 27th January, and we would love your input. What did you enjoy? What would you like to see arranged for this year? Is there something YOU would like to organise? If you have any comments or ideas please send to Jenny before the meeting

Jenny.dobson@jazzhouse.org.uk

MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE

Burnham Consolidated Charities-of which the vicar and churchwardens are trustees, Paul Kelly, Michelle's Mobile Catering and Woodstocks café are once again working together to deliver hot lunches, free of charge, to the vulnerable and elderly who have no family in the area to support them. If you know of any local, elderly and isolated residents that would benefit from this service, please help them to get in touch by one of the following methods:

Call: 07565 972086

Email:

woodstockcoffeehouse@gmail.com

Or contact Pam in the office and she will pass on your details to Kim



Tub2Pub

Laura at The Olde Five Bells is collecting confectionery, biscuit and cracker tubs to raise money for Macmillan and help the environment. Please leave your tubs outside the pub by January 31st



Burnham Care and Share

This week's "must have" is longlife milk

Tinned Fruit

Tinned meat- especially meals like chicken in sauce, curry, stews etc



Please drop off on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1.30-4pm at May's Chocolate House, Burnham High Street, or during the week at Cornerstone- please check there will be someone here to receive your donation

Care & Share will continue to remain open during lockdown
If you are able to help on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon, please contact Samson

Amazon Smile



If you are shopping online please remember we have now joined the Smile Amazon scheme. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your transactions to St Peter's Church. Simply log onto [Smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select St Peter's Church, Burnham as your chosen charity. Select smile.amazon.co.uk each time you shop

Online Giving

You can give safely and easily using the QR code below with your Smartphone.



Either open your camera and use it to scan the code or if your phone does not have this capability download a QR reader from the app store



COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
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.



and seven eyes, which are the seven
spirits of God sent out into all the
earth. He went and took the scroll from
the right hand of the one who was
seated on the throne. When he had
taken the scroll, the four living
creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell before the Lamb, each holding a
harp and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the
saints. They sing a new song: 'You are
worthy to take the scroll and to open
its seals, for you were slaughtered and
by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation; you have
made them to be a kingdom and
priests serving our God, and they will
reign on earth.'

told you that I saw you under the fig
tree? You will see greater things than
these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly,
I tell you, you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God ascending and
descending upon the Son of Man.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.



FIRST READING

Revelation 5:1-10



GOSPEL

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to
Galilee. He found Philip and said to
him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from
Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and
Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said
to him, 'We have found him about
whom Moses in the law and also the
prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph
from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him,
'Can anything good come out of
Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come
and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael
coming towards him, he said of him,
'Here is truly an Israelite in whom
there is no deceit!'

Then I saw in the right hand of the one
seated on the throne a scroll written
on the inside and on the back,
sealed with seven seals; and I saw a
mighty angel proclaiming with a loud
voice, 'Who is worthy to open the
scroll and break its seals?' And no one
in heaven or on earth or under the
earth was able to open the scroll or to
look into it. And I began to weep
bitterly because no one was found
worthy to open the scroll or to look into
it. Then one of the elders said to me,
'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
conquered, so that he can open the
scroll and its seven seals.'
Then I saw between the throne and
the four living creatures and among
the elders a Lamb standing as if it had
been slaughtered, having seven horns



Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you
come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I
saw you under the fig tree before
Philip called you.' Nathanael replied,
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You
are the King of Israel!' Jesus
answered, 'Do you believe because I