

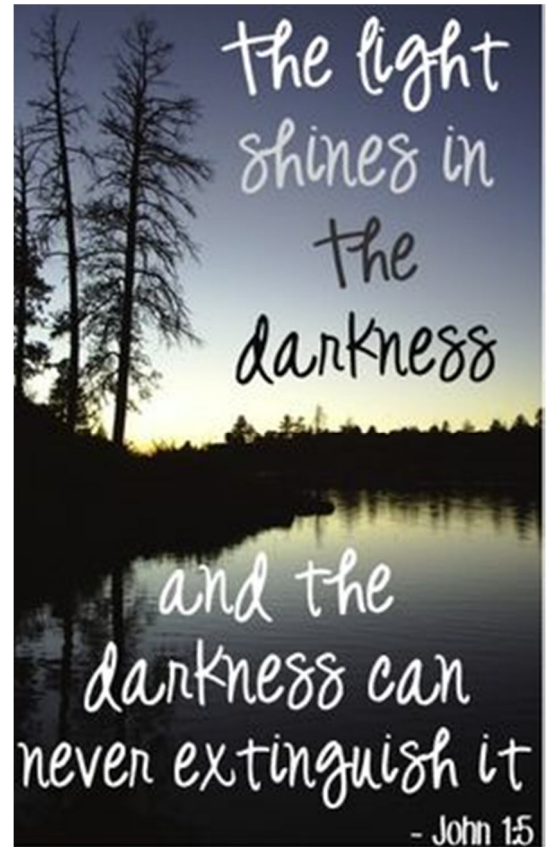
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

January 2021

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**Happily, even under Tier 4,
those who wish can still join together on Sundays
for the 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion
and 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer,
masked, socially distanced and with all the
recommended Covid precautions and hygiene.**

Of course there will be people who prefer to wait a bit longer before coming out, and the online Diocesan service is still available in its regular 10 am slot. Church at Home is designed for those who are as yet unable to return to their normal church service, and the order of service, together with links to view or listen to the service, will be posted on the website on Saturdays:
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>



God with us in our waiting and our anticipation
God still to come in the fulfilment of your promise

God with us in our pain and our hurting
God still to come in our healing and our moving forward

God with us in our questions and our doubts
God still to come in our faith and our trust and our curiosity

God with us in our hopes and our dreams
God still to come in our future and all good things

God with us in our grieving and our longing
God still to come in the wounds that don't seem to heal,
and the loss that is never filled

God with us in our restlessness and our busyness
God still to come in the peace and shalom of your Kingdom

God with us in injustices and violence – seen and unseen
God still to come in the renewal of your Creation

God with us in our impatience and our hurry
God still to come in futures yet to be written

God with us in the ordinary and mundane moments of our lives
God still to come in our longed-for moments of extraordinary hope and joy

God with us in our breathing and our praying and our singing.
Be with us as we worship this day – come near in our thoughts and our words and our silence.

We pray all this with your Son – Emmanuel – God with us.
Amen

Muriel Scarrott,

formerly of this congregation,
died on 22nd December. R.I.P.

Thanks to James Kumar for being such a faithful friend to Muriel since Arthur died.

Diary dates

Ash Wednesday 17th February
Mothering Sunday 14th March
Palm Sunday 28th March
Easter Sunday 4th April
Pentecost 23rd May

Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 27th January

Be the light in the darkness

This theme asks everyone to consider different kinds of 'darkness', for example, identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice; and different ways of 'being the light', for example, resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths.
www.hmd.org.uk

SUNDAYS in January 2021 Year B

Sunday 3rd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Jeremiah 31.7-14 *Rejoice about what God will do – turn our mourning into joy.*

John 1.10-18 *Second half of St John's Prologue. God the Son reveals God.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 10th January Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Christ

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion (Hannah Cartwright presiding)

Genesis 1 *God's creation is good.*

Acts 19.1-7 *Paul baptizes some disciples in Ephesus. They receive the Spirit.*

Mark 1.4-11 *John baptizes Jesus. God speaks from heaven: my beloved Son.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 17th January Epiphany 2

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1 Samuel 3.1-20 *God calls the boy Samuel. Old man Eli faces retirement.*

Psalms 139.1-9 *Lord you have searched me out and known me.*

(Revelation 5.1-10 *A vision of heaven*).

John 1.41-51 *Nathaniel confesses Jesus as the Son of God, Messiah.*

Jesus promises a greater vision – heaven open and angels linking heaven and earth through him, the Son of Man.

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 24th January Epiphany 3

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Genesis 14.17-20 *Abraham (called Abram back then) is blessed by Melchizedek, who brings bread and wine. Abraham tithes a tenth of his income and sets it aside for God.*

Revelation 19.6-10 *More visions and blessings and worship by this fearsome Christian prophet.*

John 2.1-11 *Water into wine at Cana – the disciples behold Christ's glory revealed.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 31st January Epiphany 4

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Deuteronomy 18.15-20 (or 19) *A prophet like Moses will come – we must listen to him.*

Revelation 12.1-5 *A vision from heaven of a mother and child. The forces of evil (a red dragon!) try to destroy him and fail. He will rule, bringing God's kingdom.*

Mark 1.21-28 *Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching – something new, spoken with God's authority. The demons can't handle it and are exorcised.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer



This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented
arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even
energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote
provinces.
And this was the moment

When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

BC – AD U.A. Fanthorpe

Among the many people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

those we know who are unwell,

especially **Leslie Rhodes, Jean Lee, Kevin Lewis, Gwen Beaver, Julian, Peter Browning;**

all those in care, including **Joan Inston, Tom Dalton, Betsy Livingstone and Brenda Graham,**
and residents of Vale House, especially **Gwyneth, Father John Bagley and the staff who care for them.**

Rest in peace: Muriel Scarrott Neil Walker (Church Road)