

THE GOSPEL

John 21:19b-25

(Page 55 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The testimony of John comes to an end, and the supreme apostle of love reminds us of the truth of everything he has written.

SERMON

The Rev'd Paul Scott

PRAYERS

Intercessor Margaret Onions

OFFERTORY HYMN

811 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Christmas booklet

COMMUNION HYMN

90 Who would think that what was needed

FINAL HYMN

715 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 *(p. 645 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
1 John 5: 1-12 *(p. 238 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Susan Trafford

Office & Preacher John Cooke

Hymns nnn
Psalm 97 *(Page 470 of the small Prayer Book)*
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WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 28th 10.00 am Holy Communion for the Feast of The Holy Innocents

Tues 29th 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room

Wed 30th 10.15am Holy Communion

Fri 1st Jan 10.00 am Holy Communion for the Feast of the Naming of Jesus

Next Sunday: 3rd January The Feast of the Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6	(CW 771)
		Ephesians 3:1-12	(CW 773)
		Matthew 2:1-12	(CW 773)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 60:1-9, John 2:1-11	

Our grateful thanks go to all who have helped in any way to ensure that St Michael's looks so lovely for Christmas. Whether you gave of your time, talents or money, it is greatly appreciated.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That our hearts may be mangers for the Christ-child
The poor and destitute
All who are in hospital
The safety of children everywhere
Departed loved ones

MINI MICHAELS needs a few more people to help with REFRESHMENTS from 9.00 to 11.00 on Thursday morning every 3 weeks or so. If you feel that this is a ministry you can offer, please speak to Anne Harrison. Every week we get between 30 and 50 children with their Mums/Grans/Carers and there is a lively, friendly feel to the sessions.



Have you signed up yet to be a member of the monthly **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW**? If not, to be included in the January draw, you need to complete an application form TODAY! There are 3 cash prizes each month - £20, £10 and £5. Annual Membership is £20, payable in advance. Application forms are available now at the back of church – please take one today to complete and return to Geoff Brown.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is to be held 17-24th January. The weekday services at each of the churches are short and are a blend of hymns, prayers and readings. Please try to attend as many of these as possible. **Times and venues are:**

Sunday 17 th	St Paul's	Songs of Praise	6.00 pm
Monday 18 th	Baptist Church		6.15 pm
Tuesday 19 th	St James's U.R.C.		6.15 pm
Wednesday 20 th	St Michael's		6.15 pm
Thursday 21 st	Methodist Chapel		11.15 am
Friday 22 nd Jan	St Paul's		6.15 pm
Sunday 24 th Jan	St James's, Shilbottle		6.00 pm

MINCE PIES AND MORE. Just a gentle reminder about the fund raising event for Spitak in January at Sue Wiltshire's house. All details will be on a flyer for you to pick up over the next few weeks but in the meantime please pop the afternoon of Wednesday 20th on your calendar . Thank you

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 6th Jan 10.15 am Holy Communion with the Giraffes class of St Michael's 1st School

Tues 12th Jan 7.30 pm PCC meeting in Small Hall

Sun 17th Jan 12.40 pm Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall
6.00 pm Songs of Praise at St Paul's, to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 18th Jan 10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage
2.30 pm Pastoral Visitors Group at the Vicarage

Wed 20th afternoon Spitak fundraising event at Sue Wiltshire's home
6.15 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **at St Michael's**

Sat 23rd Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall
Save the date – should be a good evening!

Sun 24th Jan **The Conversion of Paul**

Thurs 28th Jan 7.30 pm PCC Finance Committee at the Vicarage

**Holy Child within the manger long ago yet ever near,
Come as friend to every stranger, come as hope for every fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.**



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