

Notices

Children and Communion

As part of our work to be as inclusive a church as we can, the PCC is considering asking the Bishop's permission to allow us to give communion to children before they have been confirmed.

This is a major change from the traditional pattern for the church. As such, there will be a meeting on

Thursday 18th January at 7:30pm with Cheryl Trice from the Diocesan Children and Youth Team. This is a opportunity to find out more and ask questions and to think about what communion means to you!

Everyone is welcome.

In the meantime, if you have any questions speak to Chris T.

This Week

15th-21st January

Monday

09:00 Food Bank
10:00 Toddler Time

Tuesday

Wednesday

2pm Film Afternoon

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10-12 Open House

Sunday

09:00 Breakfast Church
10:30 Holy Communion



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2024

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Second Sunday of Epiphany—14th January

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's Hymns

754	O worship the King
451	Just as I am
666	I cannot tell
494	I, the Lord of sea and sky

The 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.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

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



Burns Night

**Burns Night Supper &
Light Entertainments with a Scottish Theme**

Saturday 27 January

7.00pm

£15 per head

Booking essential

Licensed Bar



Contact Julie 885437 for tickets & dietary requirements

Church of the Good Shepherd,
Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green

IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need:

Alan & Margaret Soames, Gillian Aitkenhead, Ann & Barry Corbishley, Linda Vallance, Sean Cloke, Bruce Gates, Tony Hurl, Clare Kent, Anne Halladay, Alan Dryland, Tony Powell

RIP:



NEXT SUNDAY

09:00 Breakfast Church

10:30 Holy Communion



Please Note

This service is being streamed using Zoom and the front of nave and all the chancel are visible on screen

FIRST READING

I Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, and at the end, I am still in your presence.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.1-10

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 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.'

GOSPEL READING

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 toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 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 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.'

