

NEXT SUNDAY
28 January 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH
8.00am Said Eucharist
6.30pm Compline
ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
11.00am Sung Eucharist
ST PETROX CHURCH
No service today

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DITTISHAM
9.15am Sung Eucharist

Readings at the Sung Eucharist 28 January:
Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a; Mark 1.21-28

NOTICES

Children are very welcome at all our services. There are children's resources in each of our churches. A sidesperson will be happy to help you. Please feel free to move around with children if they need a change of scene.

Please note there is no hearing loop system in St Saviour's Church.

Large print copies of the service booklets are available.

The toilet, which has full access and facilities for baby changing and the disabled, is located under the tower on the right hand side.

THURSDAYS AT ST CLEMENT'S

St Clement's is open every Thursday from 10.00am for 'Coffee and Chat' – light lunches available during autumn and winter.
All welcome.

The ANCHORMEN – Men's Drop in Breakfast Club
in St Clement's, third Monday of the month, open
from 8.00am

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Prayers for Peace are said every Friday from 11.30am to
12 noon in St Saviour's Church. Come and join us.

BENEFICE OFFICE

The Benefice Office in St Saviour's is open on Saturday from
10.30-11.30am to arrange marriages and baptisms.
Tel: 01803 835540 Email: office@parishofdartmouth.co.uk
Keep up to date with the news from the parish on Facebook
www.facebook.com/parishofdartmouth

Welcome Booklets are available in church; please take a
copy for anyone moving in to your area.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18–25 January
CTIDD Worship at St Peter's Stoke Fleming at
3.00pm on Sunday 21st January

Family Fest Christingle Saturday 27 January
at St Clement's: 2.00pm Workshop –
4.00pm Christingle Eucharist
5.00pm Hot Dogs!

Friday 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord –
Candlemas 7.30pm – Benefice Sung Eucharist
at St Saviour's

Ash Wednesday, 14th February

Please bring last year's palm crosses to church to be
burned for Ash Wednesday.

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF DARTMOUTH AND DITTISHAM

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21 JANUARY 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
Celebrant (11.00am): Father Bob Boyle
Preacher: Father Will Hazlewood



Today's Services

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
8.00am Said Eucharist

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH
11.00am Sung Eucharist

*We welcome Georgia Balshaw and Poppy Wright and
their family and friends on the occasion of their baptism*

ST PETROX CHURCH
No service today

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
9.15am Sung Eucharist

ST PETER'S CHURCH, STOKE FLEMING
3.00pm Churches Together Worship for Christian Unity

Services during this week:

Monday 22 January

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

Tuesday 23 January

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

Wednesday 24 January

9.00am Morning Prayer – St Saviour's

10.00am Said Eucharist - St Saviour's

Thursday 25 January

8.45 Morning Prayer – St Clement's

9.30am Said Eucharist - St Clement's

2.30pm Funeral, Barbara Castle – St Saviour's

Friday 26 January

11.30am Prayers for Peace - St Saviour's

Saturday 27 January

10.30-11.30am Parish Surgery - St Saviour's

2.00pm Family Fest Christingle Workshop – St Clement's

4.00pm Christingle Eucharist – St Clement's

Midday Prayer is said daily
(Mon - Thur) in St Saviour's Church

Hymns

518	Thy hand, O God, has guided
244	In Christ there is no east or west
-	In token that thou shouldst not fear
60	Bind us together, Lord
303	Lift high the cross

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.

A reading from the book of Genesis (14.17-20)

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,
'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

A Reading from the book of Revelation (19.6-10)

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,
'Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those
who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'
And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'
Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he
said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-
servant with you and your comrades who hold the
testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony
of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir verse

Alleluia

The Gospel: John (2.1-11)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six

stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the
world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

The first reading (Gen. 14 :17-20). Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine prefigures that of Christ.

Second Reading (Rev 19:6-10). Of those who suffered at its hands but now stand to inherit God's kingdom because they stood firm in faith.

The Gospel (John 2:1-12). The marriage at Cana was the occasion for Jesus to manifest his glory and creative power, fulfilling in a way the promise he had made to Nathanael on the third day before this. In John's mind there is obviously a relationship between this event and Calvary. Calvary was the moment of Jesus' exaltation and glory his 'hour'. There Mary was present again and addressed as 'woman', recalling Gen. 3:1 Mary is the new Eve (mother of all the living), a figure of the Church, the bride of Christ. It seems most probable that in this event John sees a type of the Eucharist (note its proximity to Passover time). By the sign of Cana, Jesus stimulates faith in the hearts of his disciples, faith in the divine presence in him.

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Jean Martin; Margaret and Frank Wetenhall; Patricia Camp; George Andrews; Eileen Hobson; Stephanie; Barry; Doreen Renbold; Margaret Jackson; John; Simon Atwell; Jane Snodgrass; Sandra Chase; Patsy; Vickie; Michelle; David Wright; Carol; Anne Hinsley; Andrew Roy; Heather Flint.

The recently departed: Dennis Chase; Barbara Castle; Emma.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty Grant; Ruth Hollows; Ken Goodwin; Don Callard; Sir John Seale; Jennie Freeborn; Barbara Bowers.

The Worldwide Church: The Church of Bangladesh.