

Dates For Your Diary

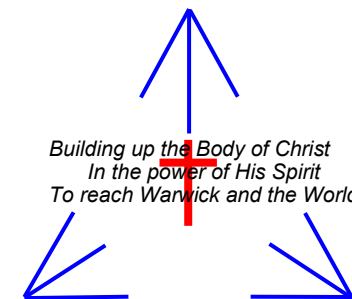
JANUARY

- Monday 17th** 7.30pm Prayer Time in church
- Thursday 20th** 2.30 pm PCC in church
- Sunday 23rd** United service for week of Christian Unity at Methodist church
- Saturday 29th** Seniors in Hall



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St Paul's Church, Warwick



January 16th 2022 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Rev Jonathan Hearn

Today's 10am Service Holy Communion

If you are a newcomer to our Church, or a visitor to the area, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers, or to the vicar.

January 16th Epiphany

Sunday 23rd January (3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

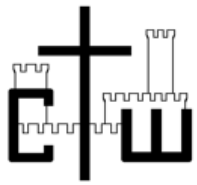
Isaiah 62:1-5
John 2:1-11

10am Holy Communion
Nehemiah 8:1-10
Luke 4:14-21



Our Bible verse for the year

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all.
Run to GOD! Run from evil!
Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!
Proverbs 3: 5-8 (from The Message)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs for seven days from Tuesday 18th January. There is a prayer leaflet to encourage you to join in in whatever way you can.

Warwick Foodbank

We still welcome donations to Warwick Foodbank. Please put any toiletries and/or dry, non-perishable food in the Foodbank collection box which is near the welcome table. If you need a voucher please email the office to arrange collection. The Warwick Foodbank is open on Fridays between 1pm and 3pm at Saltisford Church in Albert Street.



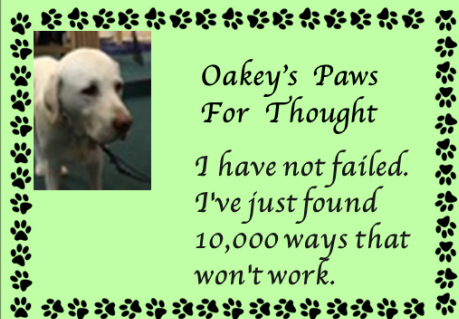
Prayer time



Our monthly prayer time is this Monday evening – 7.30pm in church. Do come and join us if you can.

Important Message

Just to let you know there is a notebook in the office for you to leave me messages about the weekly sheet (or anything else) that you would like passed on - please feel free to leave me a note! (Sally if you would like to just say hello that would be lovely!!!)



Oakey's Paws For Thought

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

What does the Lord require of you in 2022?

In Micah chapter 6 and verse 8, Micah writes:
With the revelations of this last week and all the 'noise' and extensive coverage it has created in the media, the picture that comes to mind is in stark contrast to the pictures of the garden party at No. 10. It is of our queen sitting by herself at the funeral of her beloved husband Prince Philip. By then at many, if not all, funerals children were being allowed to sit with a lone parent to give comfort and support. I expect the royal family were told this but Elizabeth chose to show solidarity with the people of this country who had also suffered bereavement. And certainly there was not to be one rule for her but something different for the rest of us. That picture will probably become an iconic picture of 2021 as it speaks volumes in its simplicity and poignancy.

As I was reflecting on this I was drawn to the verse in Micah: *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* (Micah 6:8). These three qualities, justice, mercy and humility, are essential in the living out of our faith as they can be in stark contrast to qualities that are seen in society. Another verse came to mind and is from John when Jesus is presented with the woman caught in adultery. When pressured to give a judgement he responded: *"If any of you have never sinned, then go ahead and throw the first stone at her!"* (John 8:7). Jesus wasn't in anyway denying what had happened, he was just pointing out that in the way the pharisees were bringing the case they were overlooking their own failings!

The building works

We are nearing the end of the quinquennial works on the church. New guttering has been going up this week and should be finished next week. The scaffolding around the tower is coming down – so you'll be able to get good look at the turret - and being moved so that work can be carried out on the transept gully to prevent any further leaks. The new date for completion is the early part of February. Hopefully there won't be any major repairs for some considerable time – though it would be good to see if we could get some new doors to complement all the other work that has been going on.