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DIARY AND NOTICES

The Feast of the Epiphany
8th January 2023

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Awena Carter, Stephen Gardner, Michael Greenhalgh, Marilyn Kenny, Linda Bruce and Norman (Nodder) Muckalt.

And those who had recently died and their families and friends:

Barbara Bland, Delyth Cresswell and Ted Anderton.

We are encouraging those who are able to go paperless for our services to do so and a full order of service is available using this QR code:



Today's Worship

8.00am Said Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

10.00am The Eucharist.

President & Preacher: Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Gill Jenkinson), Ephesians 3: 1-12 (Tim Jenkinson).

Intercessor: Nigel Stewart

Choir Setting: *Mass for three voyces* (Byrd)

Anthem: *Bethlehem Down* (Warlock)

Organ Voluntary: *Postlude on 'Was lebet'* (Tambling)

6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service.

Notices

New to the Priory—A warm welcome if you are new to Lancaster Priory. Please stay for Coffee after the 10.00 service and get to know us!

Taster Workshop for Facing the Past - "An exciting opportunity to work with professional vocal practitioners in 2023 is on the horizon! Facing the Past, Lancaster is launching its Community Performance Event this month and would like to invite you to a taster session. Come and have an enjoyable, creative afternoon at The Storey in Lancaster using voice and sound! The workshop is at 2pm on January 17th and you can sign up here -

<https://airtable.com/shrQGdpFT9gPr6Vtt> There is also a taster session in Lancaster Priory at 10.30am this Saturday.

Communion—Communion is now available in both kinds. Intinction will be strictly not allowed by anyone. It is perfectly valid to receive communion in one kind.

Olive Branch - Please continue to donate food items in the bin at the back of church.

Weekly E-News Letter - To subscribe to our new weekly e-news, please use visit <http://eepurl.com/ibduZf> or use this QR code:



Coffee and Theology meets on the 12,19, 26 and then February 2 and 9. Sessions will start with coffee at 7pm in the Refectory and we are studying Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Zoom Lectio Divina next takes place 20:00-21:30 on Monday 9 January 2023. Join us to see how modern technology adds value to this ancient practice of praying with scripture. If you want to find out more, please email Nigel Stewart at: n.stewart@lancaster.ac.uk.

Lent Groups During Lent we will be reading 'How to Eat Bread' by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. Please would you mark the planner at the back to church to indicate what times would suit you. Thank you.

Community group call out! Get involved in Facing the Past

Facing the Past is calling on community groups from around Lancaster and Morecambe to get involved in an exciting opportunity to be part of a mass performance event. The performance event, in Lancaster City Centre, last weekend in May 2023, will be created and developed by the groups' response to the city's links to transatlantic slavery, based on heritage research. This is a great chance to work with professional voice and movement practitioners.

If you'd love to be part of this, please let the event organisers know you're interested by clicking the link and providing just a few short details <https://bit.ly/3UN4f17>

Churchsuite is our data management software. You should have recently received an email from Churchsuite to allow you to create a login and password to access the data that we hold to contact you. You will be able to control if others see your data and how we are allowed to use your data (eg will you agree to be emailed etc). Eventually we will be rolling out further areas of the platform, such as the online viewable parish diary. This invitation will also include details of open sessions for support and training in setting up your account. These will take place on the 14th of January. If you are not in our database in order for us to contact you, please speak to the vicar or wardens after the service. Thank you.

Church Housekeeping In order to keep our church clean and tidy, attractive to visitors and comfortable for ourselves, we are starting a church housekeeping session on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. You don't have to commit to coming every week but if you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday mornings, starting on the 19th of this month, we will be very glad to see you. Cleaning materials will be provided and coffee too. If you want to know more, please speak to Pauline Fielding or Alice Granger.

Mustard Seed @ the Priory Hall.....

.....was initiated in September 2006 by Paul Payton, then curate at the Priory. His aim was to provide a hot meal and a warm environment for the homeless of Lancaster within the upper Priory Hall. And, with the generous support of the Trustees who allowed use of the Hall and its facilities without charge, the project began. It continued operating from September until May each year until 2020. With the arrival of COVID we continued with deliveries of meals to the various addresses in Lancaster and Morecambe where the City Council had housed the rough sleepers. During the 16 years we have had the odd dramatic evening involving drug overdoses, Emergency Services and certainly some very rowdy behaviours. We have also had some excellent "Xmas Specials". Overwhelmingly, our clients have been respectful, grateful, and a pleasure to serve. Over the 16 years of operation of Mustard Seed, and with weekly numbers ranging from single figures to 37, it has provided an estimated 7000-7500 three course hot dinners to those in need. This has only been possible because of the huge input of time and effort by a loyal band of volunteer cooks and servers, and with the continued financial support from them and our congregation. To all who have contributed in whatever way to the success of Mustard Seed we owe enormous thanks.

Largely as a result of COVID, local authorities and other agencies have succeeded in vastly reducing the numbers of rough sleepers. For this and other reasons it is no longer possible to carry out the role that we once had. Accordingly we have decided to formally close down Mustard Seed per se. Nevertheless, a core group of volunteers will continue to provide outreach help when the need arises. With the generous donations from our congregation it did so before Xmas with the preparation and delivery of Xmas bags of foodstuffs to 94 needy families in our Parish, and no doubt there will be many occasions during our troubled times when help will be needed.

John Dickinson, MS Co-Chair (retired!)

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The Week Ahead *Open to the public from 10.00am-4.00pm Mon-Sat.*

Tue 10	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Tuesday Fellowship
	7.30pm	Standing Committee (Vicarage)
Wed 11	2.00pm	Sanctuary Guild (Refectory)
Thurs 12	7.00pm	Coffee and Theology (Refectory)
Sat 14	10:30am	Coffee Concert: Taster workshop for 'Facing the Past'.

Sunday 15th January 2023: Epiphany 2

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Choral Eucharist. President: Revd John Roff Preacher: Dr Richard Carter (LLM) Readers: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Sarah Hutchins), 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Dawn Cheetham) John 1:29-42 Intercessor: Sue Clark Choir: <i>Girls and ATB.</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)