

Notices



Alpha Course

Please pray for the Alpha meetings taking place on **Monday January 20th** and will run for 10 weeks. The introduction to the course will be a buffet in the Bielside Inn. Following this, the format will be pudding and coffee in the Rectory from 7.30pm followed by a DVD talk and discussion and questions afterwards. A prayer card is available and invitations too. Please take one for your friends.

The Nature of God

Until the middle of March the sermons will be exploring different dimensions of the nature of God. Notes and questions will be available for personal group use. Growing in our understanding of God (and clearing up understandings too!) will lead us into lives of greater trust in a God who cares for us, confidence in a God who leads us in mission and Christ-likeness as we obey his calling on our lives.

Flower Rota

Please let Midge Harbottle know if you would be able to arrange the flowers on any of the dates below:

9th Feb.	23rd Feb.	2nd March.	22nd June.
13th July	20th July	12th October.	

12th January 2014

Sunday after Epiphany

Blessed are you, Lord our God, you have created the heavens and the earth. Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, you came among us and were baptised of John. Blessed are you, Holy life-giving spirit, you descend as the dove and you fill us with life. Blessed are you, Holy Three. In you we live and move and have our being. Amen.

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

1. John Evans, Susan Furth and Dorothy Geering.
2. Alpha starting on January 20th.
3. First Vestry meeting of the new year on January 21st.
4. Peace in South Sudan.

Alpha prayer meeting Monday 13th March at 7.30 pm in the Rectory.

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Christ crucified is God's power and wisdom

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."') ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.