

Our prayers are asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church; for Dean Stephen as he prepares to become Bishop of Salisbury & Canon Andrew as he prepares to take up the role of interim Dean
- for all Christians across the city
- for Rachel Laughton in her role as Hempsted Children and Families Worker
- for young people taking exams at this time
- for the people of Afghanistan facing famine
- for all who are sick with coronavirus & those who are ill in different ways
- for all who have died including Richard Trelfa & Edward Clarke

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The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral



Epiphany 2
16 January 2022

10.00am United Parish Holy Communion St Mary de Crypt
Readings 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2: 1-11
Minister Nikki Arthy

11.30am Praying at Home Zoom
Reading John 2: 1-11
Minister Nikki Arthy

This Sunday's service takes place in St Mary de Crypt Church. Parking is available in the multi storey carpark, Ladybellegate carpark or at St Mary de Lode. If you require a lift from St Mary de Lode, please let us know.

Morning Prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.
Compline via Zoom is on Thursday at 9.00pm. Services last about 20 minutes and all are welcome.

Services for Epiphany 3: Sunday 23 January

United Parish Holy Communion	St Swithun's	10.00am
Praying at Home	Zoom	11.30am
Gordon League Prayers	Hempsted Churchyard	12.30pm

Prayers for the City take place in Discover DeCrypt each Friday at 1pm. **Coffee, Cake and Conversation** takes place 11am-12.30pm every Friday in the Old Crypt Schoolroom. All are welcome. If you are in the city, why not pop in for a coffee and a chat?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on Tuesday 18th January. Christians throughout the city are invited to gather for prayer-by-zoom at 6.30pm for 15-20 minutes each day from 18th to 25th inclusive. All are welcome. Please come when you can. For joining instructions, we ask people to email pray4glos@gmail.com beforehand with their name and the name of their church or other Christian group.

We would really appreciate more **volunteers** to clean St Swithun's Church. Might you have some time to offer? Please speak with Nick or Nikki if so.

The Gordon League Annual Service will not take place this year, only a simple ceremony at the grave of Agnes Waddy. However, John Emery is organising a **Sunday lunch at the Gordon League Club** on Sunday 23 January 1.00pm for 1.30pm at a cost of £12.50. The lunch will be three courses - soup, roast and pudding. If you would like to attend the lunch please give John a call on 532055 by January 20th.

Please note that as of this month, my **day off** is now a Wednesday. You are of course welcome to contact one of the churchwardens or ministry team on that day or leave me a message. *Nikki*

Congratulations to **Dean Stephen** on the news of his appointment as Bishop of Salisbury. This is wonderful news for the diocese of Salisbury and the wider Church. Stephen will be much missed here and we keep him and the family in our prayers. Canon Andrew will be interim Dean and we pray for him too.

This weekend marks a year since Rachel Laughton began work as **Hempsted Children and Families Worker**. We are grateful to Rachel for all that she has achieved in strengthening the links with Hempsted School and with families across our community. It is a joy that Messy Church has continued to meet either virtually or face to face, despite the pandemic, that summer activities could take place and that Rachel can be in school weekly supporting individual children. Rachel's creativity can be spotted in prayer stations in our churchyards, in Eco Church initiatives and in her monthly newsletter. Rachel has recently completed the Diocesan Pastoral Assistants course which gives her extra skills and insights within her work. Rachel would like to add that she feels very blessed to be in this role and thanks everyone for their support. Thank you Rachel for a great first year with us. We look forward to all that lies ahead.

Prayer for the Week

Today, O Holy One, we might not feel like there are miracles all around. We might not feel like there are things to celebrate or wonders to behold.

We might feel like there is nothing we can do with our gifts, our services or even our activities for the common good.

Still, Holy One, gather all our doubts and wonders into this hour and fill us like jars of water.

May we be changed in our wondering about you and your love, we pray. Amen.

