

St Wilfrid, West Hallam ~ Holy Trinity, Mapperley
St Andrew, Stanley ~ United Church, Stanley Common

THE NEWSLETTER
29th January 2023

Epiphany 4
Welcome to Worship

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Verse for January: Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

‘Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.’

Please also include in your prayers:

Ruth Pratt, John, Bet, Barbara, Roger Marvin,
Christine Thompson, Mary Beedell, Mike Semken, Val
and the family and friends of Nicholas Taylor and Bill Twells RIP.

THIS WEEK

- Mon 30** 9.30am Holy Trinity open for private prayer
Tues 31 7.00pm Bellringers meet in St Wilfrid’s, West Hallam
7.00pm St Andrew's and UCAS PCC meets at UCAS
Wed 1 7.30pm 1st Wednesday Worship at WHMC
Thurs 2 10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning, W Hallam Village Hall
11.00am Funeral at St Andrew’s, Stanley
Fri 3 7.30pm Quarter Peal at St Wilfrid’s

NOTICES

Snowdrop Tea at UCAS, Stanley Common on Saturday 11th
February from 2-4pm. Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy Stall.
"Come and bag a Bargain."

St Wilfrid's Church Tower Lights: will be switched on during the week 29th January to 5th February in memory of Peter Briggs. If you would like the tower to be lit to celebrate or remember anyone please contact the church wardens or the church office, or direct to Jim Davison 07974 438577.

St Wilfrid's heating: We have been on a fixed price contract for gas and electricity but that came to an end in November. Those prices have now gone up tremendously so it costs a lot more to heat the church. From now on we plan to limit the time that the heating is on so it will not be quite as warm as before. Please wrap up with extra layers when you come to church.

Pancake Evening at West Hallam Village Hall, Shrove Tuesday, 21st February. Doors open 6.45pm for 7pm start. Tickets: £5 (Children under 12 free) from Tony Smith 0115 9320588 or 07896648880. There will be Pancakes and a **Quiz** for you to enjoy. A great night's entertainment, not to be missed.

Sunday 29th January ~ Epiphany 4

9.30am	Holy Communion	UCAS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Wilfrid's

Sunday 5th February ~ 3 before Lent

9.30am	Praise and Worship	Holy Trinity, Mapperley
9.30am	Holy Communion	UCAS, Stanley Common
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's, West Hallam
4.00pm	1 st Sunday @ 4	West Hallam Village Hall

*Sue Hack is working Mondays from home & **on Wednesdays from Mapperley Church.**
Please submit Newsletter items by midday on Wednesday.
If you want to visit the office, please ring as the outer door is locked.
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'West Hallam with Mapperley, Stanley and Stanley Common Churches'.

Today's Readings
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Epiphany 4

THE COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17.8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹² But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³ Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.' ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

For the message about 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,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

GOSPEL

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took

it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.