

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
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O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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GOD OF GLORY, we exalt Your name,
You who reign in majesty.
We lift our hearts to You
And we will worship, praise and magnify
Your holy name.

In power resplendent
You reign in glory,
Eternal King, You reign forever.
Your word is mighty,
Releasing captives,
Your love is gracious,
You are my God.

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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.
Amen

Recessional Hymn: 298

Disposer supreme

Notices

Food Bank: Just a reminder that there are boxes at the back of church for your contributions, both for those in need locally, through the work of Food Bank and the soldiers we are currently supporting in Afghanistan.

Church Flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers for a particular Sunday in 2012, to celebrate a special occasion, remember a loved one or just because you would like to, there is a list at the back of church under the tower.
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Giving Letter Autumn 2011: I would like to thank all those who responded either in writing or in person to the Giving Letter.

As a result an extra £10,616 per year, including Gift Aid, has been promised.

Junior Church: Starting today there will be a new entry time of 9.10am and a new start time of 9.20 for junior church. Also there is a parent rota for any willing parents to sign up to a session & our Family Eucharist is on Mothering Sunday, please come along & support your child. For more information please contact Michelle Hudson 01344 868157

St Michael and St Mary Magdalene
Easthampstead
READINGS and NOTICES
Sunday 29th January 2012
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU

In the event of fire or other emergency please do not panic. The Churchwardens and sidespeople are trained to direct you safely from the building by the most appropriate exit.

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant: Revd Peter Bestley

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Celebrant: Revd Peter Bestley

Preacher: Revd Peter Bestley

If you are a taxpayer please use a green envelope for your giving. One can be found at the end of the pew. Pens are available from the Churchwardens to complete and sign it so that the tax can be reclaimed.

You are invited to receive the sacrament if you are accustomed to doing so here or elsewhere.

If you bring a young child with you and they become restless, books and toy bags are available at the back of church.

You are invited to stay for coffee after the service in the Annexe.

Hymns: *Hymn numbers are on the boards at the front of church. The numbers are shown below as they are sung.*

Introit:	234	Thine for ever!
Gradual:	392	Lord Jesus, once you spoke to men
Intercessional:	238	Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory:	260	And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Communion:		O let the Son of God enfold you
Communion:		God of glory
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Introit Hymn: 234

Thine for ever!

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' 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.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' 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.' 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. 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.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 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.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 36: 5-10

R: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

- 1 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R**
- 2 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights. **R**
- 3 For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R**

New Testament 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. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

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? 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 392

Lord Jesus, once you spoke to men

Gospel:

John 2: 1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The service continues at section 8 in Order of Service

Intercessional Hymn: 238

Blest are the pure in heart

Intercessions:

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi and for The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi. Archbishop of the Province of Burundi and Bishop of Matana.

In our Diocese: We pray for The Church Army reorganising as a mission community.

The service continues at section 11 in Order of Service

Offertory Hymn: 52

The people that in darkness sat

The service continues at section 13 in Order of Service

O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love,

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you,

And His Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.