

This week

Please check with Mike regarding Wednesday service
Thursday 3.30pm Messy Church in the Parish Hall

Services next Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Messy Sunday

Other Events

ROTAS

Suzy will assume you are available for any date in February unless you let her know by the end of today.

Gift Day

Instead of a Gift Day letter, we are making the appeal by way of announcement in church. If you felt able to make a donation to church funds, it would be much appreciated. The good news is that our Share (Quota) for 2019 has been reduced from £56,500 to £52,000. There are envelopes for you to use at the back of the church, as well as tax reclaim forms if you need one.

Chosen Charities

Thank you for all your suggestions regarding charities. The Church Committee has chosen the following five:

Girlguiding

Street Pastors

Mission to Seafarers

CMS (Church Mission Society)

Tearfund

Information will be made available and speakers will be invited where possible during the coming months.

Pray for.....

- ◇ Girlguiding – celebrating 100 years this year
- ◇ The House of Commons – especially on Tuesday
- ◇ Messy Church on Thursday afternoon
- ◇ Messy Sunday next Sunday morning
- ◇ The January meeting of the clergy Chapter, looking at the difficult subject of assisted dying

Church Prayer

Please use our own church prayer regularly:



God of new life and renewal,
Enable us, your people,
Encourage our invitation and welcome,
Energise our growth and serving.
Enlarge your Kingdom,
To the glory of your name.
Amen.

Grouville Church

people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!



13 January 2019

Plough Sunday

2nd Sunday of Epiphany – Baptism of Christ

Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

Leader / Server	Wendy Lange-Smith
Celebrant / Preacher	Mike Lange-Smith
Readers	Ian Hardy, Hilary Hardy, John Wadman
Prayers	Wendy Lange-Smith
Welcomers	Ian & Hilary Hardy

10.30 Plough Service

Leader / Preacher	Mike Lange-Smith
Readers	Mark Labey, John Le Maistre
Welcomers	Bob Hambly, Liz Viney
Organist	Daniel Speck
Refreshments	Chris & Caroline Osgood

Refreshments will be in the Parish Hall

Hymns at 10.30

422 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
138 For the fruits of his creation
130 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
We plough the fields with tractors
467 Tell out, my soul

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Readings for Plough Sunday

Micah 4:1-4 (page 932)

In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (page 1163)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written:

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 (page 1029)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ