



**In Memory.** Alison Foster, Beryl Lentern, Beryl Savery and Mary Cock.

**A reminder about wreaths in St Andrew's Churchyard.** Please can parishioners clear their Christmas wreaths and bouquets by Candlemas (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022) as the Church Working Party will be tidying and clearing the Churchyard on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you have recently laid a wreath that you would like to remain in the churchyard then please contact Geraldine Dennis, Church Warden, to let her know (01803) 813077. Thank You.

**Church of England Covid Guidance.** In light of the new government Covid measures, you will be guided on arrival at services and events about how each event will be managed. In broad terms mask wearing is now mandatory, sanitiser will be available, the building will be well ventilated and guidance will be given regarding seating and distancing.

**Refresh Revisit Reflect Course** From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30pm to 8pm, each Tuesday until 15<sup>th</sup> February, in St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. This course explores the Christian way of life looking at Jesus's summary of the law, the Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed. The Beatitudes, The Eucharist and the Life of the Spirit. Feel free to come along to one session or all sessions. All Welcome!

**The Anglican Community Pays Tribute to Archbishop Desmond Tutu** The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have joined leaders from across the Church of England, the Anglican Communion and other churches in paying tribute to Desmond Tutu the Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, who has died at the age of 90. The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby described Archbishop Tutu as "a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world." Read more here. <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/prophet-and-priest-man-words-and-action-tributes-archbishop-desmond>

**The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message 2022** The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, shares a hopeful environmental reflection in his New Year Message 2022. It was broadcast on BBC One on New Year's Day and filmed at Kew Gardens.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00134ln>

### Readings

	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm	36:5-10	19:1-6
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21

### Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 2:18-22	Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 3:7-12
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 2:23-End	Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 3:13-19
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 3:1-6	Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 3:20-21

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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### Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

### Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily

### Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off is on Mondays each week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	6.30-8pm	Refresh Revisit Reflect Course	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

### Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 – Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

**Points for Prayer.** All those married in our churches over the last year.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January** Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, which includes our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Download this resource of readings, reflections and prayers for each day from 18 to 25 January. [https://mcusercontent.com/543e9623f7379d75d88235209/files/5889a8e3-c727-734d-57d3-cd153d75003b/WPCU\\_2022\\_English\\_A5\\_1.pdf.pagespeed.ce.c2Ohs37kOX.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/543e9623f7379d75d88235209/files/5889a8e3-c727-734d-57d3-cd153d75003b/WPCU_2022_English_A5_1.pdf.pagespeed.ce.c2Ohs37kOX.pdf)



## Reflection by Tessa Amies

Second Sunday of Epiphany  
John 2:1-11  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Wedding at Cana

Last week there was a Baptism.  
This week there's a Wedding.  
Sounds pretty human!

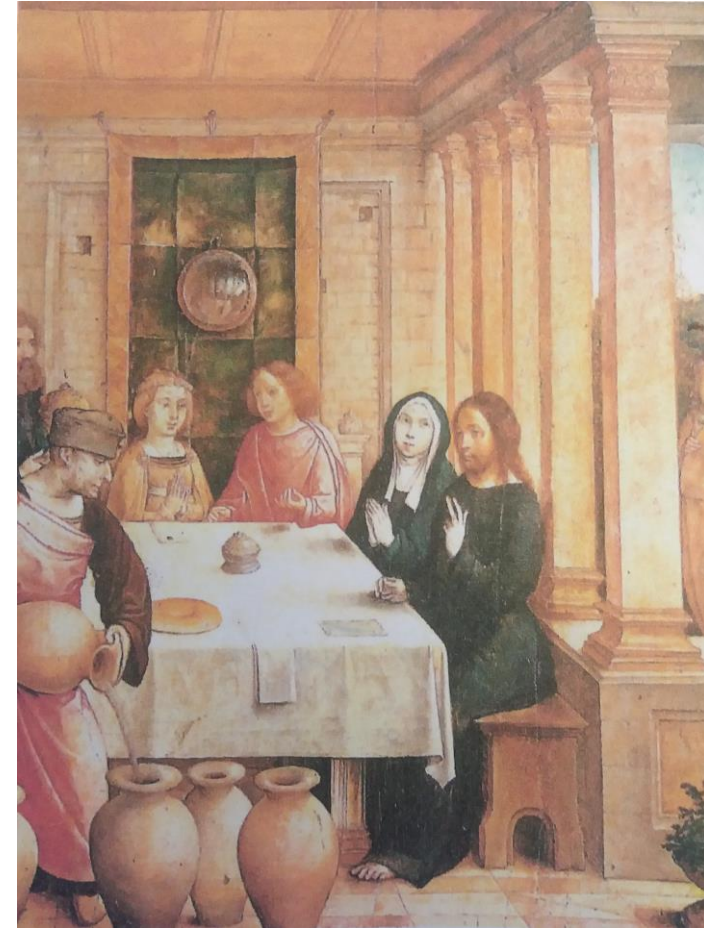
Except that the person getting baptised was Jesus - in the River Jordan - by his cousin John the Baptist and Jesus and his mother Mary, were among the guests at the wedding in Cana. Two very normal 'rites-of passage' ceremonies. Two ceremonies based on love. The first the love of God being passed down by the Holy Spirit, to the person getting baptised. The second - the love between two people, being blessed by God.

The wedding was in Cana, some 8 miles north of Nazareth, where Jesus was brought up. Mary, Jesus and maybe some of his disciples were among the guests. It may have been the wedding of a relative or friend, we aren't told. Weddings often went on for a week. Lots of drink and food involved. Guests came and went. Then disaster - the wine began to run out. An awkward situation for the host and a great embarrassment - what to do? Mary notices what is happening. Maybe the disciples had not been expected and had not been catered for. She nudges Jesus, 'do something', she says. At first, he is a bit reluctant to get involved.

Water jars were standing by. Made of earthenware or stone, probably to keep the water cool. The water would have been used for washing and purification. Jesus asks for the jars to be filled with water. He asks for some of the water to be drawn off. It is taken to the chief steward, who discovers a beautiful wine. The wedding is saved, it can continue.

The water jars are thought to represent the old covenant. Water and washing were important, but the rituals had become too important. They involved spending hours a day washing, everything. Hands, feet, clothes, plates, furniture and drinking vessels. Washing had become a bit of a bore; but it was also a religious duty. The jars had become full of wine, representing the blessings of the new kingdom. The new wine of Christ's kingdom contrasts with the old water of the Old Testament.

There are many theological thoughts and ideas about this wedding. Let's not forget the human quality and the love of God that shines through.



*Image: The Marriage Feast at Cana by Juan de Flandes (Died 1519)*

*A quiet, dignified picture. We see a man in the foreground pouring water into large jars. Mary with her hands in prayer dressed in traditional blue and Jesus making a sign of blessing. Just three guests and not much on the table. A rather underwhelming painting!*

*Juan de Flandes was a Flemish painter, who worked in Spain and became court painter to Queen Isabella (1415-1504)*