

# CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



Epiphany 3

11am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

## *The Gathering of God's People*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**and also with you**

## **Hymn 20 The King of love my shepherd is**

### *Penitence*

God, our Light and Salvation,  
**forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,  
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering.  
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people  
but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.**

God, the Stronghold of our Life,  
**hear our cry as we come to you for unity.  
Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.  
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.  
Teach us that the "same mind" you call us to have  
is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### The Collect

**Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:**

**Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***Proclaiming and Receiving the Word***

**First Reading**

Isaiah 9: 1-4

**Psalm 27**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to inquire at his temple.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;

be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Second Reading**

Matthew 4: 12-23

**Sermon**

**Hymn 87 Christ is the world's Light, he and none other**

## ***The Response to God's Word***

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ ...

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

### ***The Prayers of the People***

Lord, arise and shine  
**Make known your glory**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Filled with awe at the wonders and works of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father, who art in heaven:  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***Going Out as God's People***

God speed us on our way, safe keep us every day,  
give us wing, cause to sing, all this we wish and pray.

God give us space to thrive, all senses kept alive,  
health and hope, means to cope, joyfully to arrive.

God lead us to the new, places and points of view,  
roads to take, friends to make, more life to travel through.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with us all, evermore. Amen**

*[2 Corinthians 13:14]*

**Announcements**

## **HYMN 52 Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

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## **Readings**

### **Isaiah 9: 1-4**

<sup>9</sup>But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## Matthew 4: 12-23

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
11am Family Christingle Service

**Bray Churches Together Service for Week of Christian Unity**

8pm Wednesday 25th January  
The Well (St Paul's Church)

Services are in-Church and also available to view live stream or watch a recording later at [www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray](http://www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray) or via our website [www.christchurchbray.ie](http://www.christchurchbray.ie)

**Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union AGM will be held in Grosvenor Cottage, Victoria Avenue on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 3.30pm

**Recycled Teenagers**

10.30am Wednesday 25th January, PLC

**Register of Vestry Members**

Each year we revise the register of Vestry Members. This entitles you to vote at the annual Easter Vestry meeting which will take place in April. To register, please fill out a registration form available from the Church Wardens.

**Confirmation**

Confirmations for Bray and Crinken will take place in early Autumn, and we aim to organise a preparation course through the Spring. We would like to hear from parents or those who wish to be confirmed - in First Year and upwards in Secondary School. Please speak with Niall or David, or contact Tracey in the office.

**Temporary Change to Parish Office Hours until May 2023**

The office will be open from 2pm -5pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and from 9.30am - 1.30pm on Friday mornings

**Donations to the Storehouse**

Our Mothers' Union continue to support The Storehouse in Crinken. Please do bring your contributions of dry goods which will then be delivered to The Storehouse. You can find more details of their work at <https://crinken.com/storehouse/>

### **Contacts**

The Parish Office is open 2pm -5pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and from 9.30am - 1.30pm on Friday mornings. Please contact Tracey in the first instance for routine matters – 01 286 2968 or email [christchurchbray@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchbray@gmail.com)

As Baden is on indefinite sick leave, please contact David Reynolds at 087 918 7792 in emergencies.

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BRAY CHURCHES TOGETHER INVITE YOU TO  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

# *Ecumenical Prayer Service*

**THEME: DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE  
ISAIAH 1:17**

**CORNERSTONE CHURCH AT THE WELL  
(OPPOSITE THE ROYAL HOTEL)  
25 JANUARY 8PM**