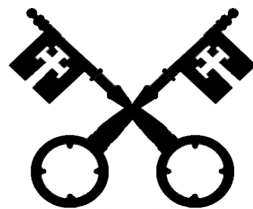




*The Parish Church of*  
**ST PETER,  
ARKLEY**



*Part of the*  
**Chipping Barnet Team Ministry**

*St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet; St Peter, Arkley; St Stephen, Bells Hill; St Mark, Barnet Vale*

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

*A warm welcome to everyone worshipping at St Peter's Church*



**Today's Service**

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist,  
*followed by refreshments*  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
*Revd Cindy Kent, MBE*

**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE  
(CANDLEMAS)**

**9am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.30am Family service**

Celebrant and Preacher: *Revd Cindy Kent, MBE*

*Readings: Malachi 3.1–5 Hebrews 2.14–18 Luke 2.22–40*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

### FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 18: 15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

### PSALM 111

**Refrain: ~The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. R

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. R

## **SECOND READING REVELATION 12.1–5A**

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;

## **GOSPEL MARK 1.21–28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## **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.

## Notices

"The Arkley Church & Community News" for February to mid March has been published online at [stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine](http://stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine).

Printed copies will be delivered to homes in the village. There are also copies, including a limited colour edition, at the back of the church. This issue includes coverage of the Vicar's recent licensing and installation."

Please note **new 9am starting time** for Holy Communion (BCP) service on the first Sunday of each month.

**Parish Team Magazine February-March 2024** edition is available for collection in the Church. Full colour version is available on the SJB website.

**St Stephen's Jumble Sale** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11am - 1pm. @ St Stephen's Church, Bells Hill, Barnet.

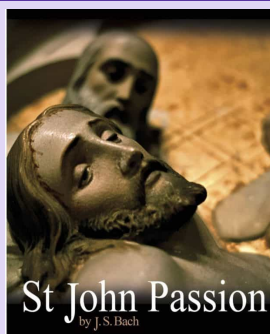
### MUSIC AT ST PETER'S, ARKLEY:

#### "Mozart in 1778"

two sonatas for piano and violin on Friday

**23<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am.**

*A free Lunchtime concert, followed by a soup lunch.*



**On Palm Sunday**  
**24<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm,**  
*St John the Baptist Church, Barnet*  
is honoured to be hosting a  
performance of  
**J.S. Bach's masterpiece,**  
**ST JOHN PASSION**



Four choirs with International soloists & professional orchestra,  
conducted by Jonathan Gregory.

Tickets are available: from the vergers at the SJB Church (cash) or online on  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk).