Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

28th January 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Service of the Word

Hymns

695 To God be the glory

347 Jesus calls us o'vr the tumult

752 Will you come and follow me?

629 Teach me, my God and King

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

An Old Testament reading – Julie R-J

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.' You may say to yourself, 'How can we recognize a word that the LORD has not spoken?' If a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,

in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practise it have a good understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

A New Testament reading – Chris

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



A reading from the Gospel – Stuart

Mark 1: 21 - 28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

