

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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‘IMPOSSIBLE THINGS BEFORE BREAKFAST’

IN ‘Alice in Wonderland’, Alice says “One can’t believe impossible things” and the White Queen replies “I’ve believed six impossible things before breakfast”! Sometimes this is how it feels when we talk about the miracles of Jesus at church.

At Epiphany we remember the miraculous appearance of the Star in the heavens, and Jesus’ first miracle of turning water into wine. At Easter, we celebrate the greatest miracle of all - Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Between these two is the whole ministry of Christ and his many miracles of healing and power over nature which amazed all who saw them.

As Christian parents and families today, how can we talk about the miracles to children in a way that makes sense? On the one hand, avoiding a literal approach that ignores reason and science and, on the other hand, avoiding a reductionist approach that explains them away and undermines faith in Jesus and the Bible.

Between these two extremes is a focus on the meaning of the miracles, that takes both science and scripture seriously. In our Children’s services and events this term we will discover the miracles of Jesus at a deeper level that might just leave a space for the possibility that in the life of Jesus, things took place which we caused amazement then and still make us wonder now. Alice was right when she said “one can’t believe impossible things”, but if (as the Angel Gabriel says to Mary) “nothing is impossible with God” - then maybe, just maybe, miracles aren’t impossible either.

Father Stephen, *Vicar*

DATES FOR THE TERM

JANUARY *Epiphany to Candlemas*

7th January 11.30am **EPIPHANY** Children's Mass

14th January 11.30am Children's Mass

21st January 11.30am Children's Mass -

28th January 10.00am CANDLEMAS *with procession and Christingles*

FEBRUARY *Lent begins*

A programme for Lent for children and families will be given out nearer the time.

4th February 11.30am Children's Mass *followed by Sunday Club*

11th February 11.30am Children's Mass

Tuesday 13th February 6.00pm SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY (year 6 and above)

18th February 11.30am Children's Mass

25th February 10.00am Sung Mass *(but not 10am All Age Mass or 11.30am Children's Mass today)*

MARCH *into Holy Week and Easter*

3rd March 11.30am Children's Mass **followed by Sunday Club**

10th March **10.00am ALL AGE MASS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

17th March 11.30am Children's Mass

24th March 9.45am PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION (with donkey!)

10.00am CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Vicarage Garden) *followed by donkey rides.*

Friday 29th March 3.00pm GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE *followed by hot cross buns*

Sunday 31st March 10.00am EASTER DAY ALL AGE MASS *with giving of Easter Eggs*

