

Beaminster Area Team

God our Father, renew our hope. By the Holy Spirit's power, strengthen us to pray readily serve joyfully and grow abundantly rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Week: 16th January 2022, Second Sunday of Epiphany

Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm: Psalm 36: 5-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Reflection on the Gospel reading, written by Barbara Simmonds

Our reading this week made me think about the many different kinds of signs that we come across in our everyday lives. When I'm out walking in the countryside, seeing the waymarker signs on footpaths can reassure me that I'm on the right path, I haven't got lost. As we read through John's gospel, we find that he has given us a series of signposts to point us towards Jesus and help us understand who he is; they are intended to lead to faith. The story of the wedding at Cana is the first of these signposts. Mary says to the servants 'Do whatever he tells you.' They obeyed him, and the water became wine; it was transformed. Are we ready to do whatever Jesus asks of us? To see the signs he gives us, and act on them, allow him to transform us? The Message Bible, rather than signs of glory, talks about glimpses of glory. I wonder - do we look out for glimpses of glory, those moments when heaven breaks through into our everyday lives? I think these glimpses are like the waymarkers on a footpath, signs that we are on the right track in our journey of faith. I find one of the verses from 'Teach me my Lord and King' by George Herbert helpful in reminding me to look out for these glimpses of glory

A man who looks on glass
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleases through it pass
And then the heaven espy.

Collect for Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through 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.

Worship to enjoy at home

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am Sunday Morning Worship, Songs of Praise BBC1 1.15pm

A Useful Telephone Link from The Church of England. This is a free number where you can listen to prayers, reflections and hymns and join in worship with others.

