

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

You will be called 'Hephzibah'...

...and your land 'Beulah'. In Isaiah 62 we hear God's message of hope for his nation Israel. God plans to change its name from Deserted and Desolate to Hephzibah (My Delight is in Her) and Beulah (Married). When God changes a name in the Bible it means there is transformation, a second chance, a new beginning. God promises to restore Israel after its rejection of him and its 'adultery' in worshipping other gods and idols; he's showing the whole world that he delights in Israel, and has forgiven its previous sin.

Ultimately, through Israel, Jesus would come and fulfil the Old Testament prophecies in which all people will be called a 'Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, Sought After, the City no Longer Deserted' (*Isaiah 62:12*). Jesus's miracle at the wedding in Cana develops this theme which comes to its fruition in the Marriage Feast of the Lamb (*Revelation 19: 7-9*)

Praise God for his love and his faithfulness!



Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service for our Mission Community at St Cross Church, Clayton on **Sunday March 20th at 6.30pm.**

There's a form on the noticeboard, please could you fill this in if you have a child or children you'd like to have confirmed at this service. Thanks, Revd Adam

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SUNDAY SERVICE ROTAS

Please find the new rotas at the back of church. If you can't do any of your dates please swap with someone else if possible

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CHURCH COMPUTER USERS

Last chance to rescue any files or folders you may have on the church computer. Please speak to Revd Adam

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BACK TO SCHOOL...

Please keep praying for our linked primary schools, Resurrection Primary and St Barnabas Primary Academy as the new term starts