

B, Epiphany 2, 2012

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Revelation 5: 1-10

John 1:43-51

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

gifts of the wise men

baptism of Jesus

wedding at Cana in Galilee, water into wine

Transformations

Today's readings

Eli a failure

Hannah persistent

Samuel hears

Eli realises and picks up the shreds of his ministry. he does not despair

Nathanael. His friend comes to him with an outrageous proposition. Nathanael the sceptic. Jesus ignores the derogatory remark, praises his integrity, and Nathanael finds himself the recipient of a promise that he will see God's glory revealed in a way that will demand his lifetime commitment. God has made even Nazareth new.

God can make all things new, and in Epiphany we are invited—even if we feel as burned-out as Eli or sceptical as Nathanael, or upset, or angry, or fearful—to offer our lives to be transformed and renewed, so that God's glory may be revealed through us.

God can make us new.

Why are we here?

What does this hour or so on Sunday have to do with what the office or school or family or newspapers or neighbours will bring tomorrow, or on Tuesday or beyond? What are we doing here that will have any bearing on any of that."

Why do so few young people come to church?

Bishop last week.

Our three churches together will survive together.

Let us work for that renewal.