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# The Feast of the Epiphany

4 January 2015

### SERVICES TODAY

10.15	Sung Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
12.30	Baptism Service	Ruby Rae Hassall

### Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00		
5 Mon	09.30	Said Eucharist
	10.00	Monday Munchkins in Church Hall
	12.00	Funeral Alan Smith
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
6 Tues	10.00	Healing Eucharist
	14.30	'Be Still' Meditation Group in Church
7 Wed	19.30	'Walking Backwards for Christmas' Post Advent Group meets in Church.
8 Thur	09.30	Said Eucharist
	19.30	Choir Practice
9 Fri	09.30	Reconciliation Eucharist

### NEXT SUNDAY 11 January is The Baptism of Christ

10.15	Parish Eucharist	The Vicar
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## *Introduction to the Season*

In the western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled Magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings, and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened, and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately:

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest,  
In thy Godhead manifest.           *(Christopher Wordsworth)*

The arrangement of the first Sundays of Epiphany in the Revised Common Lectionary deliberately draws out these aspects.

*The season of joyful celebration which begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas (2 February or the nearest Sunday). The child who has been manifested to the Magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel.' But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.*

### **Welcome to All Saints today**

*if you are new or just visiting, please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.*

*Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat these as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.*

## **EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK**

It has been a tradition in the Church to bless chalk at Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing uses the following format:  
Use the blessed chalk to write: above, or alongside the doorways:

20+C+M+B+15

20 + 15 represents the year;

C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar –  
and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat,  
Latin for 'May Christ Bless this House.'

And underneath if space permits:

'Orate pro nobis' (pray for us)

(you may also decorate 'C, M & B' with crowns if you wish)

As you are writing, pray one or more of the following prayers:

May all who come to this home this year  
rejoice to find Christ present within;  
and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet,  
that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.

Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ,  
that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, incline your ear.

Bless us and all who are gathered here.

Send your holy angels

to defend and fill with grace us and all who dwell herein.

Amen.

# ¶ The Gathering

**Date for your Diary** Beginning February "Discipleship Adventure".

Deepen your knowledge of scripture and discover more of who God calls you to be. Please speak to or email Father Mark for more information

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ANGEL  
BETHLEHEM  
DAVID  
DONKEY  
HAIL

JOSEPH  
LORD  
LOVE  
MAGI  
MARY  
MANGER  
NAZARETH  
NEW

PRAYER  
SAVE  
SKY  
SONG  
STAR  
TRAVEL  
WAIT  
WISE

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing **The Processional Hymn**

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
To that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837—1898);  
Tune *Dix*: from a chorale by Conrad Kocher (1786—1872),  
adapted by William Henry Monk (1823—1889)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary**

Chorale Prelude *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Pachelbel (1653—1706)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** David Yeandle, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Leonard Evans, Michael Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Jean Read, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Janice Fernandez, Bryan Cooksey, Simon Allard, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel, Christopher, Fr Jeff Vaughan; all who care for those in need.

**THE DEPARTED:** Alan Smith, Louis Lewis.

**YEAR'S MIND:** Patricia Bonny(4th), Marjorie Fisher(8th), Joan Nicholls (10th), Roland Peterson

**NOTICES**

**"Walking Backwards for Christmas"** Wednesday 7th January at 19:30 in church our now "post" advent group continues. All are welcome.

**PCC Meeting** Please note this months meeting has been deferred until Tuesday 3rd February.

**Choral Concert - Saturday 10 January, 19.30** This Saturday, 10 January, Lydian Voices will perform a choral concert in church. Entrance is free of charge, with all donations going towards the work of the church. The concert is entitled *O Nata Lux – Reflections for the End of the Christmas Season* and will include works by Tallis, Kodály and Stanford, as well as a selection of favourite hymns and carols. Light refreshments will be available at the interval. The concert promises to be the perfect way to end the Christmas season, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany;  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

.Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)  
Tune *St Edmund*: Charles Steggall (1826—1905)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Gloria in Excelsis**

Setting: *Mass of S Thomas*: David Thorne



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
(Last time) A - men, A - men, A - - - - - men.

**Gloria to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

¶ Please sit for **The First Reading** (Isaiah 60: 1—6)

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

¶ Remain seated for **The Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 72)  
*and join in singing the sung Response*

Martin Everett



All na-tions shall fall\_ pro-strate be - fore\_ you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. *(Response)*

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. *(Response)*

From oppression he will rescue their lives,  
to him their blood is dear.  
Long may he live, may the gold of Sheba be given him.  
They shall pray for him without ceasing  
and bless him all the day. *(Response)*

¶ Remain seated for **The Second Reading** (Ephesians 3: 1—12)

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Please bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Banns and Notices

## Final Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

## Prayer after Communion

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
Let us pray

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

### The Blessing of Chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany

† Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit**

Lord God, among the gifts of creation you have given chalk to be  
of benefit to us all. We call on your holy name to bless + these pieces  
of chalk. May those who take them and write with them on the doors  
of their houses the names of your holy Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and  
Balthasar, be aided by their intercession and have a share in their merits;  
may their bodies be healthy and their souls saved. We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The chalk is sprinkled with Holy Water. It should be made available  
for the people to take at the end of the Eucharist.*

## Gospel Acclamation

¶ *Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader*



Cantor: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

All: **Alleluia** (*as above*)

¶ *Remain standing for The Gospel Reading* (Matthew 2: 1—12)

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ *Please sit for the Sermon*

The Rev'd Mark Amey, (Vicar)

¶ *Please stand for The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*¶ Please sit or kneel for* **The Intercessory Prayers**

*Let us worship the Saviour with joy  
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.*

*To the bidding 'Lord of Glory'  
Please respond by saying 'Hear our prayer'.*

*The priest announces a period of silence  
after which he offers the concluding prayer,*

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

*Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive communion at this service.*

*Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: please keep your hands down and your head bowed as an indication that this is your preference.*

*During the distribution please join in singing* **The Communion Hymn**

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783—1826)

Tune *Epiphany*: Joseph F. Thrupp (1827—1867)

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

¶ *Please sit or kneel for* **The Lamb of God**

*While the Altar Party receive the Sacrament, the choir leads the singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in singing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Peace**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ *Remain standing to sing* **The Offertory Hymn**

*a collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the Church.*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the Name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his Name!

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811—1875)

Tune *Was lebet, was schwebet*: from the *Rheinhardt Manuscript*, Uttingen, 1754

