



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 7th January 2018

The Feast of the Epiphany

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 47: 36

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon with Procession
Hymns: 50: 52: 51: 47

Start of Procession

∇ Let us proceed in peace ✠ **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

Prayers at the Crib

Lord, by the song of the angels you disclosed your birth to your own people, and by the leading of a star you revealed your glory to strangers. Teach us to know you now, and to make you known to all, for at this time you were born into the world for us, and live and reign, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, now and for ever. **Amen.**

End of Procession

∇ Nations shall come to your light

✠ **And kings to the brightness of your rising**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages, and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

668 Epiphany (celebrated on 7th January)

Introit Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom, and pow'r, and dominion.

Psalm Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense: and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. ∇. Arise and shine, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ∇. We have seen his star in the East: and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Offertory The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all Kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

Communion We have seen his star in the East: and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah Ch60 v1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

New Testament Reading - Ephesians Ch3 v1-12

³This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel - Matthew Ch2 v1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men* from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd* my people Israel."'

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman,
Alisha De Guerin, Tony Renouf, Christine Shaw, Brenda Penfold
and Brian Buckingham.

Please pray for Pam; for Michele, Jaikie and Glyn, all suffering from cancer;
for Melvyn Boxall, Bill Brend and Chris Bellinger.

Services for this week

Tuesday 9th January 11.00am Said Mass - Adrian - Abbot, 710

Wednesday 10th January 7.00pm Said Mass - William Laud -
Archbishop of Canterbury,
1645

Friday 12th January 7.00pm Said Mass - Aelred of Hexham,
Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Sunday 14th January
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

St Stephen's Christmas Cards

Many thanks to all who participated in this initiative over Christmas.
Your contributions totalled £288.00.

This sum will now be divided between our mission partners,
Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Tumaini Fund.

Thank-you!

to Jean Le Huray for preparing a delicious lunch today,
which will be enjoyed by nearly 20 people
(children and parents included)
after the 11.00 Mass.

Stay in touch with St Stephen's: visit our website at
<http://st-stephens-guernsey.org>

Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday

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