



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 6th January 2019

The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 47: MP740

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon & Procession
Hymns: 50: 49 (2nd Tune) : 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.

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

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

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

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift 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.
⁵Then 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.
⁶A 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

¹This 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.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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

¹In 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."'

⁷Then 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

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
Hazel Greany, a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Brenda Penfold, Rose, Daphne Swann, Lyn Trieschmann and
Samantha Brehaut.

Pray for Michele, Jaikie and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;
for Chris Bellingier; and for Samuel.

Services This Week

Monday 7th January 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

Tuesday 8th January 11.00am Said Mass BCP

Wednesday 9th January 7.00pm Said Mass

Friday 11th January 7.00pm Said Mass - Mary Slessor - Missionary, 1915

Sunday 13th January 2019

The Baptism of Christ

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon



Friendship Lunch

Tuesday 8th January 12.00pm

in the Community Centre.

Please let Jean know if you are going today.



Having discussed our meetings with Sarah-Jane from St Saviour's, we are now going to combine our resources and give you a choice (roughly once a month) to join us when and where you can. I will get

some new dates for the following months after the next meeting.

So the next couple of meetings of the Tumaini Hygiene Kit sewing sessions will be **Saturday 26th January at St Saviours Church Hall**, and

Saturday 2nd March at St Stephens Church in the Vestry, 2 - 4pm.

For more details please see Anne or call 07781 112557.



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Saturday 19th January 4.00pm

Tax Forms

Please remember if you have given £500 or more in any way to St Stephen's Church in 2018 and are a Guernsey Tax payer please fill in the Payment to a Guernsey Registered Charity Form (available on the black chest) and return them to John Greany who has kindly offered to process them for us again this year.

This is a much needed additional source of income for the church at no cost to us individually. For any more information please speak to John or Tony.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass*
- *in the Vestry after the 11.00am Mass*

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**

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