



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 3rd January 2021

## The Feast of The Epiphany

### Services Today

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry  
**Hymns: 47: 48**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> January)**

**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 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**

<sup>60</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> 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.  
<sup>6</sup> 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**

<sup>3</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In 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: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Gospel - Matthew CH2 v1-12**

<sup>2</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men\* from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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."'

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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**

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,  
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,  
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,  
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,  
Maria, Jeanette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price and James.

## Services This Week

**Monday 4th January 10.00am** 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group

**Tuesday 5th January 11.00am** Said Mass - BCP

**Sunday 10th January**

**The First Sunday of Epiphany  
and The Baptism of Christ**

**9.30am** Said Mass with Family Ministry

**11.00am** Sung Mass with Sermon

**12.30pm** Baptism of Rylee-Rae de Garis

### Electoral Roll

Between 1st January and 7th March, the Electoral roll for St Stephen's is to be revised. If you are already on it no action is needed, but if you are not and are seventeen or over and would like to be added, please take a form from the black chest and return to me when completed. Also please notify me of any changes of address. Many thanks,

Jill Stephenson, Electoral Roll Officer

### The Terrible Christmas Cracker Quiz

Fr. Marc has printed the answers to the Terrible Christmas Cracker Quiz which can be found on a poster at the back of church.

Thank you to all who took part and for raising money for Church funds.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 9.30 & 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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