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| **EPIPHANY**  **PEWS NEWS**  6th January 2019 | **SUFFOLK HEIGHTS BENEFICE** |

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. Amen

*Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany*

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

*Post Communion Collect*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day; let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

There will be a **Coffee Morning for the Children's Society**

at Ann Sadler's house, 3 Tennis Field, Chevington

on Saturday 19th January 2019.

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

£1.00 entry Raffle and Bring and Buy

Everyone welcome

Please bring your Children Society box for counting.

*Morning Prayer will be said at Chevington on Friday 11th*

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**Reading** (Isaiah 60.1–6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
    and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
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.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
    and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
    your heart shall thrill and rejoice,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isa+60&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-18827a)]  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
    the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
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.

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 2.1-12)

**The Magi Visit the Messiah**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
    who will shepherd my people Israel.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+2.1-12&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23176b)]”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**TWO EVENTS TO SIGN UP FOR!**

Next Saturday (12th), Depden will be hoisting an Agape Supper at Rookery Farm starting at 7pm. We will be enjoying dinner as we reflect on the Epiphany stories. For catering purposes please sign up if you would like to come.

Then, we will be celebrating **Plough Sunday** at Rede on Sunday, January 20th at 11am at which our preacher will be the Bishop of Dunwich; followed by a Plough Lunch in the Village Hall. Again, for catering purposes, please could you let either Simon Pratten ([simonpratten@outlook.com](mailto:simonpratten@outlook.com)) or myself know if you would like to stay for lunch.

*Church Finances: Following on from my earlier appeal, please would you review your giving for 2019. We would like to cover the 5 percent increase in our parish share contribution, which is paid to the diocese, through increased giving rather than through fund raising or drawing on reserves! Please ask if you would like to arrange a Standing order, or if you would like weekly envelopes to help with your giving. Thank you.*

**Praying Through the Week**

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| Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen     * Haverhill and Withersfield benefice, Bosmere Deanery and the Anglican Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia; * Past year and our hopes for 2019; * our armed forces serving overseas, and their families; * the sick, those awaiting treatment, those in hospital, and those who mourn that they may be comforted. | | | |
|  |  | *For:* | *Those living and working in:* |
| **Sunday** | 6th | Our music, musicians and choir; those who serve coffee after services | Weathercock Hill, St Martin’s Close, Depden Green and Martins Green, Chevington |
| **Monday** | 7th | Those who care for our churchyards and care for the environment. | Depden Green, Depden; Maltings Close, Barn Field and Grange Mill, Chevington |
| **Tuesday** | 8th | Village Hall committees, caretakers and village clubs | Parish of All Saints’ Chevington |
| **Wednesday** | 9th | For those worshipping with us who live outside the benefice; those who remember us in their prayers | Wickambrook Road and Chevington Road, Hargrave |
| **Thursday** | 10th | The Elderly, their carers and helpers | Elizabeth Drive and Tudor Close, Chedburgh; Garrods End, Depden Lane and Factory Lane, Chevington |
| **Friday** | 11th | For those who clean and decorate our churches. | St Mary’s Depden |
| **Saturday** | 12th | Our Parish Councillors, Local and National Government . | Scoles Gate and Rede Road, Hawkedon |

If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, by the door of each church are gift tokens. The idea is that you take a token as you come into church and, as the collection plate is passed round, you put the token in the plate. If you would like to give by Standing order, please have a word with your churchwarden or Treasurer.