

Sunday 2 January

Epiphany

A very warm welcome to our
Service today



Epiphany

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8. 12

Hymn 1

O worship the Lord in
the beauty of holiness

Hymn 2

Brightest and best are
the sons of the morning

Hymn 3

Be thou my vision

Hymn 4

O, the mercy of God

Hymn 5

As with gladness



Sunday Lunch at the Golf Club

2 January 12.30pm

The next lunch at the Golf Club will be held on the above date, everyone is very welcome. To book please contact Pat Napper 01883 744026 or Ann Pressey 01883 744191



Bishop Christopher ~ 9.30 am 9 January

See page 5 for the dates of his visit in January.

Sunday Club

Sunday club meets on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month. We start in Church and then go out to Church House.

Join our Facebook group | **St Mary's Bletchingley-Sunday Club** or email Katedoody2012@gmail.com



Hungry Hermit Café

Every Tuesday 10am-12noon for refreshments and cake. Come along and enjoy a refreshing drink and a slice of cake with good company.

We adhere to Covid safe procedures, and we look forward to welcoming you!



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR...**The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese****Our Rector** Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.

Her Majesty The Queen Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.



The Communities of our United Benefice Lord God we give thanks for our families, for our friends, for our neighbours, for those who work in our community and for those who support us. Help us to help each other, we pray for those who are suffering hardship, show them your love and guide them in their darkness. We give thanks for your unwavering love and patience. Guide us as we strive to support those around us. We pray for our local businesses during these difficult times, we pray that the hardship they, their employees and families have endure begins to ease. We thank you Father for all you provide and give our thanks. Amen.

Our Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield

Our World and its needs ALMIGHTY and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Link with Zimbabwe The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

Those who are unwell In mind, body or soul. Lord, help them to place their burden into your hands - their fears, weakness, their vulnerable self. Be their strength Lord, be their shield, be their hiding place and grant them Your peace we pray. Amen.



We remember Those whom we love and see no more and those who mourn their loss. With the angels and saints, each day and each night, each shade and each light, I bend my knee in the eye of the Father who created me, in the eye of the Son who redeemed me, in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me. In love and affection, in wisdom and grace, in love and in fear, for ever and ever. Amen.



Readings

Collect Prayer

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

First Reading **Ephesians 3. 1-12**

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

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

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.



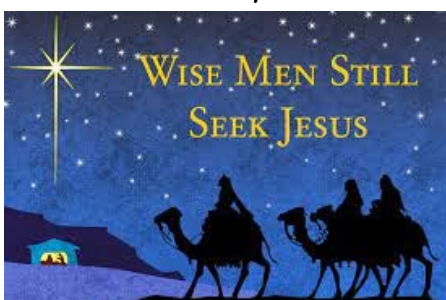
Gospel Reading **Matthew 2. 1-12**

The Visit of the Wise Men

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

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Post Communion Prayer

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

Prayers for the week

Grant merciful Father, that we may be strengthened in your service. That we might show forth the wonder of your love for us in giving to us yourself in the form of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem. May our lives so reflect your glorious life of sacrifice, that others may come with us to worship. We offer to you our gifts of loving hearts, obedient service and joyful lives, that your glory might be known among all people. Amen.



Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed the incarnation of your son by the bright shining of a star, which the wise men saw, and offered costly gifts in adoration; let the star of your justice always shine in our hearts; that we may give as our treasure all that we are and all that we possess, to your service; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen. Gelasian Sacramentary. Amen

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.
Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes - around the nation and around the world - we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.



Daily Readings for the Week

Mon	3 Jan	Psalm 72	Job 42. 10-17	Luke 8. 16-21
Tues	4 Jan	Psalm 72	Isaiah 6. 1-5	Acts 7. 44-53
Weds	5 Jan	Psalm 72	Jeremiah 31. 7-14	John 1. 10-18
Thurs	6 Jan	Psalm 18 78. 1-39	Ruth 4. 1-17	Colossians 4. 2-end
Fri	7 Jan	Psalm 72	Daniel 2. 1-19	Ephesians 4. 17-5.1
Sat	8 Jan	Psalm 72	Daniel 2. 24-49	Ephesians 5. 15-20

Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am - 5pm for morning and evening prayer.

Upcoming Services at St. Mary's

Sun 2 Jan

Epiphany



8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion for Epiphany

Sun 9 Jan

Baptism of
Christ

8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion with Bishop Christopher
& Sunday Club

Sun 16 Jan

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion

Sun 23 Jan

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion & Sunday Club

Sun 30 Jan

Candlemas



8am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Holy Communion with Baptism

Services at Bletchingley unless specified as Nutfield

Baptism at St. Mary's

We pray for **Ava Barker** and **Matilda Eason-Brooks**, their families, Godparents and all those in their lives as they prepare **Ava & Matilda** for their baptisms on **30 January**.

Lord, surround this children with goodness, lead them in Your light each day; Help **Ava & Matilda** walk the path You've chosen, guide their steps along the way. Teach them Lord, to trust Your wisdom with a faith from up above; Keep them from all harm, and bless them always with Your grace and love. Amen



Getting in Touch

Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you, or someone you know, would like to talk to, or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission).



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The Benefice Office

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Hatch & Match with Rev Phe

If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.



Copy Deadline

(see front page for any amended office hours/days)

Please send notices to Elaine via the office as above, **by 10am each Tuesday** for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.



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