

News from St Mary's

East Barnet Parish Church

January 2026

Sunday 4 January	10am All Age Messy Eucharist for Epiphany 6pm Epiphany Carols
Sunday 11 January	10am Eucharist for the Baptism of Christ
Sunday 18 January	10:45am Covenant Service at Brookside Methodist Church 4pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday 25 January	10am Eucharist for Epiphany 3

On Sunday 18 January we will share in an annual Covenant Service at Brookside Methodist Church.

In partnership with our Methodist siblings, we will give thanks for God's promises and commit ourselves to following in his ways, wherever they lead us.

That means there will not be a morning service at St Mary's on that Sunday.

It would be a nice idea to enjoy more time together socially. If you'd be interested in a monthly midweek lunch in the Prince of Wales, please contact Alec.

The Church Choir rehearses before special services, on the day. To join, please contact the Director of Music.	At 10am on Sunday 1 February there will be an All Age Messy Christingle. Our collection will be in aid of the Children's Society.	The Prayer Group meets at 3pm on Fridays. For more information please contact the Director of Music or Debbie Windeler (debbw@talktalk.net).	Young Voices rehearses on Wednesdays at 4pm. To join, please contact the Director of Music.
On Friday 6 February a social event with an interesting speaker is being planned. Please keep waiting for more details ...	Every Thursday from 12:30pm there are food parcel packing sessions in the community halls. For information, please contact the Rector.	The Sewing Circle meets in the community halls on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10am-1pm.	Every Thursday at 11am there is a service of Holy Communion at Brookside Methodist Church, led by clergy within our ecumenical partnership.

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Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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