

Next Sunday 4th January Epiphany

Like the magi, we sometimes take the wrong turn on our journey because we have taken our eyes off God. Today we think about God's gentle direction in our life.

Readings

First Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**

The light of the Lord has come and everyone will be drawn to it, bringing the wealth of the nations.

Second Reading **Ephesians 3:1-12**

Paul explains that the Gentiles have become fellow heirs and share the promise of Christ. It is through the Church that the wisdom of God will be made known to everyone, including rulers and authorities.

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

Wise men from the East visit Jesus in Bethlehem, having first made the mistake of going to Jerusalem and asking for him at Herod's palace. Herod is troubled by the idea of a new king who might supplant him. He asks the wise men to return and tell him when they have found Jesus, but they are warned in a dream to return home a different way.

Services

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**

President and Preacher - Fr Graham
Readings Elizabeth Franklin

Intercessions Jim Weller

Eucharistic Minister Andrew Mould

6.00pm Evening Prayer Mtr Linda

Digital and Online Giving

St Alban's relies solely on donations to maintain services and our work in the community. We know people want to be generous but don't always have the means at hand to make a donation when they are in church.

You can now use this QR code to make a donation online at any time via our secure website.



A message from the PCC

Dear Fellow St Alban's Christians,
The PCC has completed the Budget for 2026. Once again we are facing a deficit of several thousand pounds.

It has been calculated that if every member of our congregation was able to give just £1 extra per week we could break even.

Please consider doing this.

Thank you. Your PCC



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 28th December The Holy Innocents

Into our darkness a light has come; the Saviour has been born. Yet in that light the darkness of oppression still holds power. Let us worship the God whose love is stronger than all the world's hatred.

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**

President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Liz Pacey

Intercessions John Hotchin

Eucharistic Minister Jim Weller

6.00pm Evening Prayer Jim Weller

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 21, 40, 387, 25

During the Week

Mon 29th St Thomas Beckett **10.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda

Tues 30th **19.00** Said Mass Fr Graham

Wed 31st **10.00** Said Mass Fr Graham

Thur 1st **10.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

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First Reading Jeremiah 31:15-17

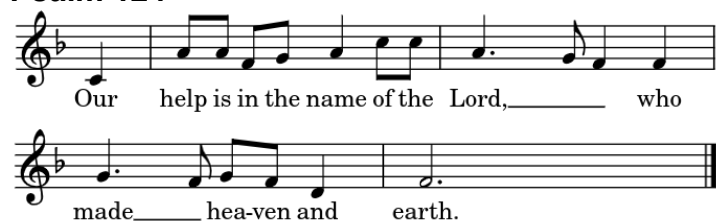
Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the LORD:
they shall come back from the land of the
enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the LORD:
your children shall come back to their own
country.

Psalm 124



If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;
If the Lord had not been on our side, when
enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us; **R.**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging
waters.
But blessed be the Lord
Who has not given us over to be a prey for
their teeth. **R.**

Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare
of the fowler,
the snare is broken and we are delivered.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Consider your own call, brothers and
sisters: not many of you were wise by human
standards, not many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth. But God chose what is
foolish in the world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; God chose what is low and despised in

the world, things that are not, to reduce to
nothing things that are, so that no one might
boast in the presence of God.

Gospel Matthew 2:13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get
up, take the child and his mother, and flee to
Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for
Herod is about to search for the child, to
destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the
child and his mother by night, and went to
Egypt, and remained there until the death of
Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken
by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I
have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by
the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent
and killed all the children in and around
Bethlehem who were two years old or under,
according to the time that he had learned from
the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had
been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they
are no more.'

Gospel Acclamation

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Intercessions

We pray for the Church. As God's people on
earth, may we show the world a vision of the
kingdom in which peace and justice reign, and
the least become the greatest.

We pray for the oppressed and powerless
people in our world, for those who are the
victims of war and famine, for those who live in
fear of imprisonment, and especially for the
children. May they find rescue and hope.

We pray for the communities in which we live
and work. May they be marked by justice, hope
and peace.

We pray for those we know who are
oppressed by poverty, sickness, grief or
disability. May they find healing and hope.

We pray for the departed, especially
remembering Brenda Grant, Joyce Fletcher
and Irene Lawless, whose years mind falls this
week. We give thanks for all who have shown
us the way, and look for the time when we, with
them, will join in the worship of heaven where

there is no more weeping, but only light and joy.