



# ST Hilda's Warley Woods

## ***4<sup>th</sup> January 2026***

### ***Epiphany***

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Epiphany Holy Communion order of service.

This week chalks will be blessed to take home and write a blessing on your own home on or near your door. Instructions are given on the bags of chalk.

*Opening Hymn: O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Number 89 in Common Praise*

## Collect<sup>1</sup>

By leading outsiders from an alien territory  
to worship the God child  
you displayed your glory to far away princes.  
Lead us out of our comfortable worlds  
of managed control and attenuated risk.  
Lead us to see in foreign people and places  
the light of your life and the hope of your love.  
Lead conflicted nations on new and untrodden paths  
of justice and reconciliation  
for the sake of sanity,  
for the sake of the world,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
the infant king born among us. **Amen.**

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

- <sup>1</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.

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<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018

<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.

### *Gradual hymn: We three kings*

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder....*

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worship him, God most high.

*O star of wonder...*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder...*

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sings: " Alleluia",  
"Alleluia," the earth replies.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned

to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Offertory Hymn: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

*Number 84 in Common Praise*

*Communion hymn:: Adoramus te, Domine –*

*Adoramus te, Domine*

*Translation We adore you, Lord  
Taize*

*Final hymn: As with gladness men of old*

*Number 83 in Common Praise*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 10:30am:	Family Service
	Remembering our baptisms
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 10:30am:	Holy Communion

### **NEW FOR 2026 - BREATHING SPACE**

“Breathing Space” is a new monthly gathering for contemplative, silent prayer. This is an ancient Christian practice of being attentive to the presence of a loving God within us and around us, and offers us a time of stillness and peace in our noisy and distracted world. Each gathering will begin with a short introductory reading leading into 20mins silent prayer, following our breath or reciting a prayer word to still our minds. We end with 5 – 10 mins of conversation about the practice.

Breathing Space will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month: 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> March, at 10 - 10.45am in the vestry. Please enter the church through the back door in the car park. It is open to all who are seeking peace and who long for connection with God and community.

### **PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT**

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and computer literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

## **HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED**

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)**

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

### **This week please pray for;**

- Jenni and Diane as they offer chaplaincy at Cygnet hospital.
- Jenni and Diane as they share an assembly at Annie Lennard school.
- For each of us to know the presence of God in our homes as we mark them with our chalks.

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<u>Safeguarding information</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never promise to keep a secret.</li> <li>2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.</li> <li>3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible".</li> </ol> <a href="http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html">http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</a>		

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