

Recommencement of Groups

There will be no Parent & Toddler Group, Luncheon Club or Drop In this week. All Three Group will restart as follows:

Parent & Toddler

Tuesday, 13th January at 9:30am

Luncheon Club

Tuesday, 13th January at 12:30pm

Drop In

Tuesday, 13th January at 2:00pm

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If you have an item that you wish to be added to
the pew sheet, please email the relevant
information by 6:00pm on Thursday to:
helencrabtree.church@gmail.com

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Yvonne Longsden, Barry Tootill, Joan Joyce, Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen, Brian Schofield, Viv Webb; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.

RIP: Carole Halford;
4th - John Calderley, Beryl Hill, Edwina Greenwood, Jean McCoy, Thomas Gully;
5th - James King, May Lees, David Carrette;
6th - Edward Wright, Albert Ashton, Bentley Atkins;
7th - Elsie Laycock, Edith Boyling;
8th - George Knowles;
9th - Melin Matthews;
10th - John Bamford, Florence Kenyon, David De La Billiere, Lucy Gallier, Lily Stansfield



Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

*"Living out our call to share the
Gospel in Faith, Hope and Love"*

4th January 2026

The Epiphany HYMNS

85, 259, 724, 552, 40, 359, 49

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 4th January

9:00am Choral Eucharist

Thursday, 8th

10:00am Dressmaking

6:00pm All Age Service

7:15pm Choir Practice

Mothers' Union

Next branch meeting is

Tuesday, 13th January at 7:30pm.

The annual Diocesan membership subscription is due at £33.00. There are some simple changes to the way we gift aid and pay our subscription which will be explained at the meeting or if unable to attend Val or June will contact you.

Please therefore await hearing about the changes before writing a cheque or making a bank transfer.

Thank you from Bishop David

As we welcome in the New Year, Bishop David shares this message of gratitude and thanks: "I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all. Thank you to all of you who take part in the life and mission and ministry of the Diocese of Manchester. Thank you to our clergy and our laypeople. Thank you to our volunteers, our office staff, to everybody who in any way whatsoever contributes to making us who we are today in the Diocese of Manchester. As we move into 2026, may I wish you the very best and happiest year, and look forward to joining it with you."

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our Christmas raffle, which has now been drawn. The winning numbers are listed on the narthex notice board. Please check to see if you are one of the lucky winners.

Good Luck.

First Reading

Isaiah 60. 1-6

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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, 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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3. 1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

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 to 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 to 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

Matthew 2. 1-12

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.