

GODREY TEAM CONTACTS

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COPPERHOUSE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Phillack Church Memorial
Hall. Copperhouse, Hayle.

Open again from 8th January 11.30-2.30pm. All welcome - every

Thursday we serve a variety of soups & sandwiches. Hot and cold drinks and cakes are also available.

GWITHIAN CRAFTY WARM SPACE

Runs each Friday from 1pm until 3pm with soup and light refreshments.

Bring your own craft to work on, or participate in one of our small workshops.

MEET & PRAY

Mondays, 10am for 10.30-11am at ASDA Café.

TARRYING

Next meeting is 7pm on January 22nd at Phillack.

GWINEAR BELL RINGING

Practice evenings 1st Tuesday of every month. 7.30 to 9pm. Come and take a look! Contact Kevin Green kevingreen100@yahoo.com available and free Wi-Fi.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Ecumenical Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 17th January** at 8.30 am. in St. Erth Church Hall. Please give your name to Geoff Webster (01736 851173; geoff.webster249@btinternet.com) at least by Monday 12 January, if you would like to come. NB. If you do register, it would be helpful if you can make every effort to come.



Drew Alexander is getting baptised at Phillack church late morning of Saturday 23rd January. We will welcome Very Revd Mitred Archpriest Benedict Ramsden who will lead the ecumenical service in which Drew will be both baptised and confirmed into the Orthodox faith. Please do come along to support Drew as he makes this commitment of faith.

Good News **Rev Simon Bone** will be licensed on Monday 12th January 7pm at Lanlivery church, Lostwithiel. All are welcome to attend.

St Erth are starting their **All Age family service** on the 2nd Sunday of the month 'Come & See' 11th Jan 9.30. Please share across the team.

ST ERTH 99 CLUB

Winners were drawn on Sunday 21 December by Joyce Darvell. The winner was No 67 Gynette Murley; second No 51 Rose Evans; third No 10 Stuart McClean.

Subscriptions can be paid via Direct Debit in instalments or BACS. The annual cost is £26.00 for each number. Please contact Frank Nolan 756179 if you would like to join and help the church finances.

This is the time to renew your subscription for the New Year.

The Godrevy Team Ministry

*The Parishes of Phillack with Gwithian,
Gwinear, St Erth and Hayle St Elwyn*

www.godrevytm.org.uk



REFLECTION

Since Christmas Day is still fresh in our minds, you may recall agonising over what to give as a present to someone who's impossible to buy things for. If it's the case of a present for a newborn it's probably a bit easier. Even so, I think it unlikely we'd go for gold, frankincense and myrrh. So why did the magi come up with those particular gifts? If you follow the line of the carol, "We three kings" then you look at the symbolic value of the gifts - gold for a king, frankincense denoting divinity, and myrrh looking towards death as myrrh was one of the spices used to place in the shroud of a dead body. Well that's one way of thinking about the gifts, but it still leaves open the question of why the wise men had those particular things with them. If we were thinking of a gift for a new baby I think we'd be more in the cuddly toy territory. I think the significance of the gifts, if we are

wondering why they had these things with them, is that they were used by the magi in their rituals. By laying them at the feet of Jesus they are acknowledging that the God revealed in a tiny baby is way more powerful than anything they can conjure up. Beyond that, in leaving them with Jesus, they are leaving that part of their lives behind for ever. As the poet U. A. Fanthorpe puts it in her poem "'BC:AD'", "This was the moment, when a few farm workers and three members of an obscure Persian sect, walked haphazard by starlight straight into the kingdom of heaven"

Clive

4th January Services

9.30am Phillack Holy Communion

9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist

9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

11am Gwithian Service of the Word

11am Gwinear Holy Communion



4 January 2026

The Epiphany

Please take this pew sheet away with you and recycle when finished.

Collect—*The special prayer for the day*

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1–6

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.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.1–12

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

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

Praise to you, O Christ



Post Communion

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

Call to Pray:

Daily Morning prayer 2026

*By prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God. Phil: 4.6*

As we welcome in the New Year, we
welcome the opportunity to pray
together. Each day brings hope and
new opportunities to draw close to
God and one another. Starting
Monday 5th January, Monday-Friday,
we will meet in one of the 5 churches
to say Morning Prayer between **9.00-
9.30am.**

Mondays - St Elwyn's
Tuesdays - St Erth
Wednesdays - Gwinear
Thursdays - Phillack
Fridays - Gwithian



*Look forward to praying together.
Blessings, Michelle*

January Services

11th January (Baptism of Christ)

9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Family Service
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Service Of Word
3pm Phillack Taize + Holy Communion

18th January (2nd after Epiphany)

9.30am Phillack Holy Communion
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion
11am Gwithian Come as You Are
11am United at Gwinear

4.00pm St Elwyn's Choral Evensong

25th January (3rd after Epiphany)

9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Holy Communion
3.00pm Phillack Café + Holy Communion