

Epiphany

4th January 2026



Collect

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.

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.

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Isaiah 60: 1-6 **Yvonne**

60 “Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3: 1-12 **Phil**

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me
for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already
written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into
the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to people in other generations as
it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. 6 This

mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Matthew 2: 1-12 Jeanne

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[\[a\]](#) from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Processional	We three Kings of Orient are	724
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Christ shall reign whe're the sun	Sheet
Offertory	Angels from the realms of glory	36
Communion	Hail to the Lord's anointed	259
Recessional	Angel-voices, ever singing	37

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

Compline will return again on the 14th January 2026.

Thank you

Thank you for your warm Christmas wishes, cards and presents, it is much appreciated.
Fr Alex.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January

You can join in with the following services on Zoom during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Zoom link will remain the same for each service and is

Meeting ID: 865 9848 2706

Passcode: 481805

18-25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity			
18th January	Sunday		
19th January	Monday	Ev Prayer	5pm
20th January	Tuesday	Ev Prayer	5pm
21st January	Wednesday	Compline	9.30pm
22nd January	Thursday	Ev Prayer	5pm
23rd January	Friday	Mn Prayer	9am
24th January	Saturday	Ev Prayer	5pm
25th January	Sunday		

Jumble sale @ St Benedict's

St Benedict's are planning a jumble sale in March. If you have any jumble at home please let Fr Alex have it.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

May those who are worried about the permanence of their accommodation in Hay Mill know of the closeness of your protection Lord. May your early life as a refugee inspire and reassure us all that whatever may befall us in this life, you have already trodden that path.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, generous Lord for the Keeble College funding, help us to spend this wisely, maximising the impact that it should have for your people in South Yardley.

St Benedict's church

Inspire our thinking and focus our planning around our first Jumble Sale in such a long time, Lord. Help us to know what to do, particularly around getting those who we serve in Bordesley into church.

Saint Mary's church

As we start a new calendar year, may we always be looking to you for guidance. Walking in the way, may it lead us to you and all that you represent in our future and help us to learn from our past.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Dean, Darren, Lucy, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Peter Aldridge, Phyllis Macken and for those whose years mind is in January ... Harry Saunders, Simon Ward, Alice Orme, Madge Burton, Emme Wright, Beverley Huxtable, Joyce Hulley, John Ellison, Ivy Loxton

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2

To Him shall endless prayer be made.
And princes' throng to crown His head,
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

3

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

5

Where He displays His healing power
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

6

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.