

Welcome

All Saints' Church

Epiphany

Weekly Bulletin: 4th January 2026

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Information for visitors

A loop system is provided in this church. Toilets are located in the church hall.

Large print hymn books are also available. If you have a difficulty participating in any of the church activities because of your disability, please let the Rector or churchwardens know. *Please ask sidespeople on duty if you need any help.*

In Church today (4th Jan): 11am Family Communion followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

First reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
read by **Name removed**

Gospel reading: Matthew 2.1-12
read by **Name removed**

Hymns at the 11am service:

Nº. 46 As with gladness

Nº. 782 Unto us a boy is born

Nº. 805 We three kings

Nº. 650 See him lying on a bed of straw

In the Sanctuary: **Name removed**

Flowers: Dave & Margaret for both mums

Weekly notices

Forthcoming services:

Wed Jan 7th 10am Holy Communion

Sun Jan 11th 9.30am Refresh (in the hall)

11am Family Communion with Rev Steve Pierce

Newton Alpha – new course starts January at Verona (on the High Street). Opening session with a meal on Tues 13th Jan 7–9.30pm, before deciding whether to continue. Weekly sessions include food, fellowship, a film and relaxed chat about faith. The course is free (suggested £10 towards meal). For more info text Newton Alpha to 07905 995464.

Donation to charity in lieu of Christmas Cards – a huge thank you to those who have donated to charity –

Names removed. Total = £200. Thank you all so much. 🎄🌟

Deanery Candlemas Evensong – a joint service on Sunday 1st Feb 4pm at St Oswald's Church. All welcome.

Dates for diary

Fri 16th Jan (note revised date): 7pm film night 'Next' 2007 sci-fi thriller film starring Nicolas Cage. Cert 12A / 92 minutes

Sat 17th Jan: 9.30am arrival for a 10am start. Finishes at 12noon. Venue: St Oswald's Parish Hall (Golborne Road, Winwick, WA2 8SZ). PCC information morning – an opportunity to meet together to explore what the transition to a larger single parish will look like over the next two years.

LyCiG Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

First reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² 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.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ 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.
⁵ 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.
⁶ 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.

Gospel reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

All 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, ² 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.' ³ When King

Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with
him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes
of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was
to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it
has been written by the prophet:

*⁶ "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."*

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned
from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
⁸ 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.'
⁹ 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.
¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And
having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they
left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Prayers for All Saints

The Sick: *Names removed*

Recently departed: Nancy Knight (funeral All Saints 1.15pm Tues 6th Jan), Jennifer Kenyon (funeral 2.30pm Thurs Jan 8th), Kenny Reeder.