

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON

Sunday 4th January 2026

The Feast of the Epiphany.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."



Entrance Hymn

560: O Worship the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

692: The first Nowell.

Procession

788: We three Kings of Orient are.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 5th: Monday after Epiphany Sunday.

Tuesday 6th: Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday.

Wednesday 7th: Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday.

Thursday 8th: Thursday after Epiphany Sunday.

Friday 9th: Friday after Epiphany Sunday.

Saturday 10th: Saturday after Epiphany Sunday.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 11th January, 10am Parish Mass, we welcome Fr Mike Still from St Mary's Kenton who will be celebrating Mass for Fr Angus who is on leave.

CONFESION: (by appointment). Speak to Fr Angus to arrange time for this.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group?
Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or SACRAMENT CANDLE

ST ALPHEGE PRAYER GROUP aims to pray every day at 9.00am. We also offer prayers during the Sunday Service, just come to the side chapel during Communion. We are bound by rules of confidentiality. Please see Mary Findlow for more information.

THE WHATSAPP GROUP: If you'd like to join this group, send a text to Stephen Heath on 07752 685021

Please note that we are no longer taking old clothing or bric-a-brac. We are going to be having a big church tidy up in January. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity by January 31st.

PARISH SICK LISTS (will be update by January 31st)

Long term: Abigail; Gillian; Margaret; Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Erica; Pearline; Deborah; David; Pearl; Suzanne; Aniyah; Evelyn; Samantha; Sharon; Albert; Jean & Family; Rodney; Astley.

Short term: Lauren; Patsy; Gloria; Leslie; Louise; Mike; Yolanda; Patsy; Correll; Andrew; Charles; Angela; Helen (Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Heather Lee-Moore; Tola Rowe; Walter Egan; Stanley Bunting; Clarence Hall; Joyce McCoy; Joe Irish; Alfred Bockarie; Vi Tarmer; John Wilkinson; Rosemary Magnus; Lily Boulton; Ian James.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Kore Ameh; Emily Amoah; Diane Lief; Dorothy Blisset.

FINANCIAL POSITION: The Church and Hall Gas Bill for 2024 was £18,667.69 and the Electric Bill was £1,476.07. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

PARISH GIVING SCHEME: A great way to make your regular donation to support St Alphege! Scan the QR code to sign up!



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items – see list at back of church.

JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR REFRESHMENTS!

The Feast of the Epiphany 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come and Kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to the Nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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,^[a]
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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72

R. All the nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice. **R/.**
7 In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth **R/.**
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service. **R/.**

12 For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. **R/.**

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for^[a] Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words. In former generations this mystery^[b] was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclimation

Alleluia Alleluia

**We saw his star when it rose
And we have come to worship the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-3

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer over the offerings

Look with favour, Lord, we pray on these gifts of your church, in which are offered now not Gold, or frankincense or myrrh, but he who proclaimed sacrificed and received Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the King.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord always and everywhere that we may perceive with clear sight
And revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen