

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

10th January - Epiphany

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



Today we are going to celebrate Epiphany - the story of how the wise men came to look for Jesus

In the service we will be telling the story with three figures for the wise men. You can make yourself some wise men at home too. And you can colour and decorate a star with glitter and hang it in your window to cheer people up as we are now locked down. It may help if you print the next two pages on card. Of course, you can make up your own star shape or outline.

Also you can mark over your door with chalk to bring a blessing to your home. If you listen to the service you will hear the blessing and see the letters to write - here they are in case you miss them.

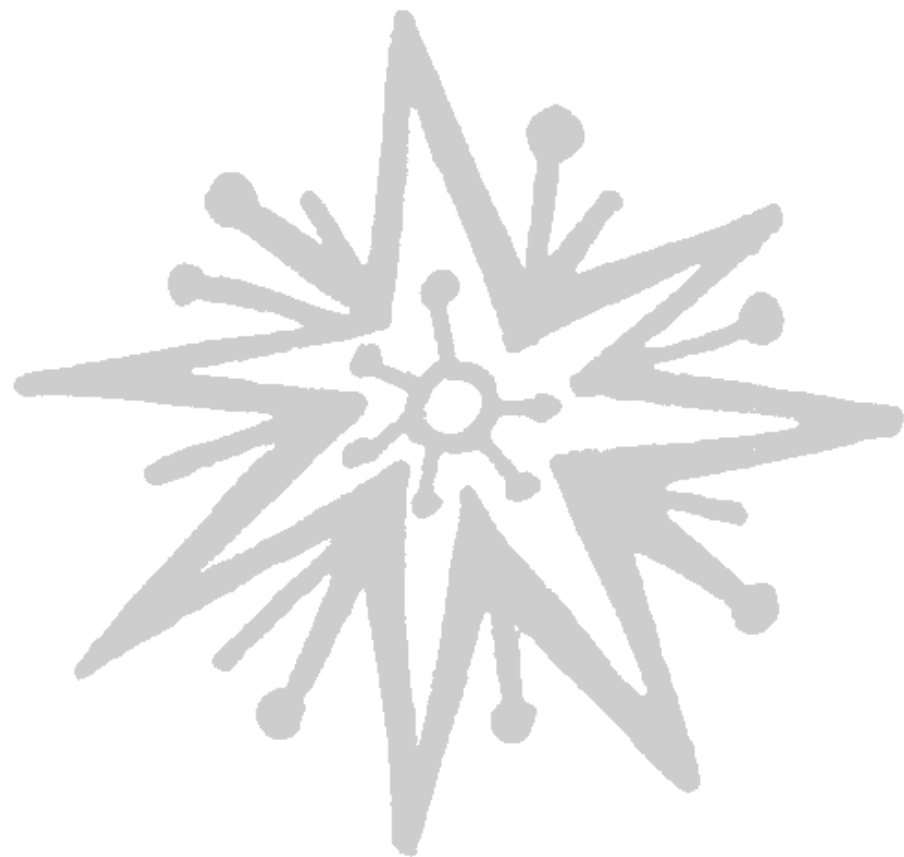
EPIPHANY BLESSING WITH CHALK

Use the piece of chalk to write over your house door:

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The numbers show the year. The letters are the capital letters of the traditional names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. But they also stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* – Christ bless this house. Here is the blessing that is said over the chalk:

God, who lead your people through the journey of life, as you led the Magi, to worship Jesus, so lead us to make Jesus, God with us, known in our homes and in our lives. Bless ✦ this chalk that those who see the blessing on our homes may know that our doorways are places of welcome and blessing to everyone and that you are the God who blesses us every day. We ask this in the name of Jesus, born of Mary, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.



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