

THE PARISH OF JARROW AND SIMONSIDE

*We aim to share our faith, hope and love in God with all,
through our worship, witness and service.*

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY – 3rd January 2021

Important Update

Our worst fears were confirmed during the week as myself, Revd Stuart, and our spouses tested positive for Covid 19. By suspending public worship in consultation with our parish wardens, we hope we have prevented any further spread of this virus and will continue with online services for the time being. Please do keep Revd Stuart and his wife Karen in your prayers at this time.

Thank you, Revd Lesley and APA Jacki

Our prayers are asked for:

our nation and national life, and for all our health workers, key workers and scientists working towards eliminating the risk from the Corona virus;
all who are suffering from the virus today;
all struggling to recover.

our Bishops - Paul, Sarah, Assistant Bishops: John, Glyn, & David;

Cranmer Hall: Principal, St John’s College, Revd Professor David Wilkinson, Warden: Revd Dr Philip Plyming, Deputy Warden: Revd Emma Parker, Staff and students in training for ministry
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Services Today:

Our Services are currently Online-Only.
Please tune in to our Parish Facebook Page at 10 am
Sunday 3rd January
Service times throughout the week are on the back page.
Thank you.



At 2.00 pm on Monday
light a candle and join us
in the community of the
circle, all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS

Merciful God,
you gave us your Son on a wonderful holy night.
He was in a manger,
waiting for the world to acknowledge his presence.
But they did not.
May the star of Bethlehem,
make us pure and loving to those around us,
and those who we find hard to love.
Lord hear our pray.
Amen

By Jan Seaman

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Online but not on Facebook? We now have a parish page on You Tube and have begun to upload livestream services so that people can watch them 'catch-up' style. If you are able to access the web please take a look at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5noOxlUEvHOgCewspMFIpA>

Tier 3: Following the move from lockdown and the number of people staying at home, shielding and self-isolating we will continue with our Livestream Services, Foodbank Sessions and Helpline through to the New Year. A huge thank you to everyone who has been part of our caring for one another and wider communities. Our Helpline for anyone who needs it is: 07306 168951 1pm – 4 pm Mon. to Thurs. & Sat.

Please save your used Postage stamps to church for the **Leprosy Mission**, and forward them to Christine Robertson at St. John's. Thank you.

Please return your **Children's Society Boxes** for emptying. They can be handed to: Evelyn at St. Simon's; Rita at St. Peter's; Carol Cowan at St. John's and Gordon at St. Paul's. If you don't want your box emptying his year due to Covid 19, that's absolutely fine and Susan can collect it next year.

Foodbank Update: If anyone requires a Family Hamper or Emergency Food Parcel next week, while our buildings are still closed, please call the Key 2 Life Foodbank Direct on 07833 613393 and their team will arrange delivery. Thank you.

3rd January – Epiphany Sunday

The Collect 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.

Prayer After 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.

Isaiah 60:1-6 *"The Ingathering of the Dispersed"*

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.

Psalm 72: 10 - 15

*Refrain: **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.

*Refrain: **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression
and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

*Refrain: **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

Long may he live;
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

*Refrain: **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

Ephesians 3:1-12 "God's Marvelous Plan for the Gentiles"

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.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 "The Visit of the Wise Men"

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^[a] 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,^[b] 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^[c] 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^[d] my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men^[e] 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,^[f] until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,^[g] 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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

John Ellison, Jessica McAskell, Carrie Waggott, Betty Conner, Doreen Moig, Andrew Garvock, Mrs. Hewitt, Syd Harrison, Derek Middleton, Pat Middleton, Dorothy McBeth, Stella Matthews, Michael Hughes, Chris Haynes, Margaret Errington, Tom McKenzie, Julie, Josh, Mary Tilson, Pat Henshaw, John Pike, Matty Kairiainen, Melissa Shephard, Ann Taylor, Rod Taylor, Sylvia, Carol Woodfield, Christine, Beatrice Yorsten, Wyn Alderslade, Marion, Judith and Jen, Grant and Sheena, Gillian, Elsie Bartram, Jessie Holmes, Revd Pat Bealing, Karen Hill, Revd Stuart Hill and Joan Young.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th January

7.00 am Morning Prayer (Livestream only)

Tuesday 5th January:

7.00 am Morning Prayer - (Livestream only)

10.00 am Service of the Word (Livestream only)

Wednesday 6th January: *The Epiphany*

7.00 am Morning Prayer - (Livestream only)

10.00am. Service of the Word (Livestream only)

Thursday 7th January

7.00 am Morning Prayer (Livestream only)

10.00am. Service of the Word (Livestream only)

Friday 8th January:

7.00 am Morning Prayer (Livestream only)

Saturday 9th January:

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY: *Epiphany – the Baptism of Christ*

10 am Parish Service (Livestream only)