



St. Wilfrid's Weekly



The Feast of the Epiphany



The OT Reading - *Isaiah 60.1-6*

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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 Epistle - *Ephesians 3.1-12*

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel - *Matthew 2.1-12*

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'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.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all

Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They 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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.' ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 97

The Lord is King, the earth may be / glad there/of : yea
 the multitude of the isles / may be / glad there/of.
 Clouds and darkness are / round a/about him :
 righteousness and judgement are the habi/tation / of
 his / seat.
 There shall go a / fire be/fore him : and burn up his /
 enemies on / every / side.
 His lightnings gave shine / unto the / world : the earth /
 saw it and / was a/fraid.
 The hills melted like wax at the / presence of the / Lord :
 at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole / earth.
 The heavens have de/clared his / righteousness : and all
 the / people have / seen his / glory.
 Confounded be all they that worship carved images,
 and that delight in / vain / gods : worship / him / all ye /
 gods.
 Sion heard of it / and re/joyced : and the daughters of
 Judah were glad be/cause of thy / judgements O /
 Lord.
 For thou Lord art higher than all that are / in the / earth :
 thou art exalted / far above / all / gods.
 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the / thing
 which is / evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints,
 he shall deliver them / from the / hand of the un/godly.
 There is sprung up a / light for the / righteous : and joyful
 gladness for / such as are / true/hearted.
 Rejoice in the / Lord ye / righteous : and give thanks for
 a re/membrance / of his / holiness.

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Today we are keeping as the Feast of the Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of the Christ to the wider world.

Next Sunday is Plough Sunday and we shall be holding our annual All-Age Plough Sunday service at 10.00 a.m.

Apologies to those who tried to join us for our services via Zoom for Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day, unfortunately I forgot to start the meetings! I will try to remember in future.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Marjorie Barber, William Taylor and Joyce Mason.

Year's Mind (2011+)

Sarah Roberts Barbara Martin
Leonard Whittick

This Week's Diary (Week beginning January 2nd)

Sun.	<u>The Feast of the Epiphany</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church
Tue.	9.50 a.m.	Funeral (Marjorie Barber)	Macclesfield Crem.
Wed.	10.00 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	The Beacon
	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
Sat.	12.00 p.m.	Church Open	Church
Sun.	<u>Plough Sunday</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
	10.00 a.m.	All-Age Service	Church
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

This Sunday's Readings - Epiphany

<u>8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Psalms 98 Isaiah 60:1-9 John 2:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings - Plough Sunday

<u>8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Mark 4:1-9	Psalms 46 & 47 Isaiah 55:1-11 Romans 6:1-11

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