



Benefice of St Peter with St Philip, Bolton-le-Moors

Lectionary and Anniversaries Leaflet for January 2021



Sunday 3 January 2021

The Epiphany

Collect for the day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 60.1–6

¹ 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.

Ephesians 3.1–12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for 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,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In 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: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.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ Although 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,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so 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.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2.1–12

2 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.

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.

Sunday 10 January 2021

The Baptism of Christ

Collect for the day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing
him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to
our calling as your adopted children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 1.1–5

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a
formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God
swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there
was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from
the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And
there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19.1–7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came
to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, 'Did you receive the
Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard
that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They
answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of
repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that
is, in Jesus.' ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶
When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they
spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1.4–11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all
the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a
leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed,
'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop
down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17 January 2021 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect for the day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Samuel 3.1–10 [11–20]

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' [¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were

blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷ Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

Revelation 5.1–10

5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ² and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴ And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

John 1.43–end

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip

called you.’⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’⁵¹ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 24 January 2021 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect for the day

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness

sustain us by your mighty power;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 14.17–20

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said,

‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

maker of heaven and earth;

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19.6–10

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;
⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2.1–11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Sunday 31 January 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Collect for the day

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:

we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Deuteronomy 18.15–20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Revelation 12.1–5a

¹² A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. ³ Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵ And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;

Mark 1.21–28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Post Communion prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

January Anniversaries – St Philip’s

1st	Ernest Newton
1st	Lauren Jade Burke
3rd	Herbert Deakin Parkinson
4th	Henry Arthur Kelly
4th	Roland Fielding
5th	Victor Mojesejew
5th	William Ellis Broughton
6th	Sarah Anne Shepherd
6th	Gary Cooper
7th	Margaret Fielding
8th	Alexander Patrick
9th	Marjorie Taylor
9th	Ada Alice Johnson
9th	Edward Southern
10th	John Thomas Dickerson
10th	John William Hampson
10th	Thomas Boardman
10th	Gladys Boardman
12th	Percy M. Kershaw
12th	John (Jack) Hill
13th	Norma Houseman
14th	Florence Foley
14th	William Holt
15th	Terence David Dewse
16th	Kezia Kay
16th	Elizabeth Collinson
18th	Frank Thwaites
19th	Oliver N. Williamson
19th	Violet Armstrong
20th	John James Wood
21st	Margaret Kennedy White
21st	James Daniel Nield
21st	Raymond Watson
22nd	Harry Leach
22nd	Robert Thomasson
22nd	Lynda Marjorie Bullough
23rd	Ellen Jones
26th	Herbert Harper
27th	Ada Critchley
27th	David Ward Palmer
28th	Alice Collier
30th	Jack Brabin
30th	William (Billy) Carter
31st	Robert Arthur Pharah
31st	Umberto Rego

January Anniversaries – St Peter’s

1	Rebecca Anderton
1	Ethel Eleanor Howcroft
2	John Bromley
2	Darran Lee Armston
3	Eva Holker
3	Mary Street (Sharon Kay)
3	Joyce Chadwick
9	Michael James Hampson
10	James Roy Flemming
11	Norman Fort
13	Alice Mulraney
14	Eveline Taylor
14	Edwin Cadman
14	Doris Hoyle
15	Frances Gladys Fallows
15	Harriet Green
15	Gladys Amy Dowling
15	Arthur George Louis Barr
15	Nat Lofthouse
16	Charles Fallows
17	Herbert Hampson
17	Hugh Horrocks
17	Joe Derbyshire
18	Ernest Edwin Green
18	John Doyle
20	Pauline V. Wilson
21	Bernard Blakeley
22	Sandra Laurie
27	Sheila Funnell
28	Arthur Taylor Spence
28	Derek Mason
28	Ian Robert Mather
28	Thomas Anderton
29	Amy Hargraves
30	Denis Gordon Elliott
31	Annie Collier
31	Nancy Jane Willacy
31	William George Isherwood