

Activities for the week

Today 10.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th 9.30am Holy Communion at St James
3.30 p.m. Primetime Cook and Eat
6.30pm Cubs
7.30pm Scouts
Thursday 6th 6.30pm Beavers
Sunday 9th Jan 10.00am Holy Communion

Welcome

We welcome Revd Pam Coles as our celebrant and preacher this morning.

Face Coverings

The Government's Plan B requires that face coverings must be worn in places of worship.

Children's Society boxes

It's time to count the contents of Children's Society boxes. Can you let Patrick have them, please? A number of boxes were not returned to their supporters last year because of the pandemic. If this is you, Patrick will find it for you.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available at the back of church.

Please pray for ...

Wendy Heywood who is having trouble with her heart. She is undergoing tests and remains cheerful.
Pauline Obank who is not at all well.
Dennis Shaw who is well but quite lonely.
After a nasty fall, John Lamb is now back home again and still making progress.
Doreen Robinson who is undergoing investigations into a potentially serious condition.

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Epiphany

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

41, 394, 71, 537

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Canon Vaughan Pollard

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Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme;

Mr. Patrick Preston

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the hall.

Please take this service sheet home with you

Collect of the day *Epiphany*

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The peoples are gathered together and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

Alleluia!

Matthew 2.1-12

¹ In 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.'

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

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.