

Welcome

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

Lunch Day

The next Lunch Day will be on Wednesday 10th January from 11.30 a.m. Please come and join us for a free lunch. of homemade soup, sandwiches, biscuits tea/coffee and a quiz and natter.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all who helped at, contributed towards or attended the mini fair following the Carol Service on 20th December. We raised the splendid sum of £225.15 for church funds - as well as having a great time.

Focus Group Update

There is a summary of what was discussed at the last Focus Group and a question sheet to consider for the next one on the board at the back of church. Dates for your diary - **21st January** (note change of date); 25th February 10.00 a.m. start; 11.15 a.m. finish - Holy Communion at **9.30 a.m.**

Activities for the week

Today	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 9th	12 noon	Knit 'n' Natter
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Wednesday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	3.00 p.m.	Primetime Junior
	6.30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts and Explorers
Sunday 14th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	PCC in Choir Vestry

Please pray for all on our prayer list: Wendy and Eric; Simon and Keretha, Pauline, Doreen, Dennis, Tracy, Rosemary, Dermot and anyone known to you.

Sunday 7th January 2024

Epiphany

Service: Holy Communion

Hymns:

41; 394; 71; 537

Welcome to St. Saviour's Church

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Interim Priest-in-Charge:

Vacant

Interim Associate Minister

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (*tel. 01274 49137*)

Interim Assistant Curate

Revd. Daniel Furlong (*tel: 07749 941348*)

Churchwardens:

Mrs. Grace Studholme; Mr. John Ratnik

Children in Church

Children are most welcome to our services.

Refreshments.

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

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 (*Epiphany*)

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.