



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
4th January 2024**



**Sunday Worship – 7th January 2024
Epiphany 1**

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference.
Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference.

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



***Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.***

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: All those who worship at St Paul's but do not live in the Parish

From our Church prayer diary: The Parochial Church Council

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ciarán,

All who mourn: Jim Outram, Meleta Moore, Ralph Hewitt, Mary Teresa Relihan

Collect for Sunday 7th January:

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.

Readings for Sunday 7th January:

Isaiah 60.1-6

60 Arise, 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.

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, ²asking, '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.'" ⁷ Then 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.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 7th January:

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.

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Readings for next Sunday:

**1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 [or 139.1-9],
Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end**

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at 11.30am**, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.

Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

Our machine will be at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.



'You shall name him Jesus':

After listening to Rev Catherine's thought-provoking sermon on the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, last Sunday (New Year's Eve) I decided to look in our church hymn book to see how many of the Christmas carols included the name 'Jesus' as opposed to what can perhaps be called titles, such as Saviour, Messiah, Emmanuel, Prince of Peace etc. From the 42 Christmas carols in our hymn book, only 14 include the word 'Jesus'! How strange is that!

Catherine reminded us that the Angel Gabriel told Mary 'You shall name him Jesus', yet this is the name which hymn writers seem to use sparingly. Most of the 14 carols include the name 'Jesus' just once, though it appears 5 times in 'Away in a manger.'

If we are singing Epiphany hymns, look out for the use of the name Jesus and for the 'titles' which are just as correct but possibly less personal.

Christine Medd



A Christ Church Eco Church discussion

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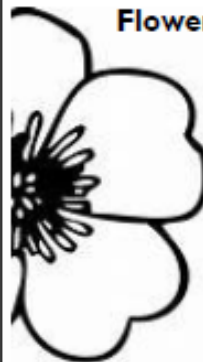
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