

# Pew-sheet for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## The Epiphany

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### Today's services

#### **Liturgical Colour: White or Gold**

#### **8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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**10.00am Holy Communion** at the church of St John the Evangelist, Wicken

**4.00pm Celtic Footsteps** at the church of St Nicholas, Potterspury

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#### **Collect for today**

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.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion prayer for today**

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.

**Amen**

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### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### **First Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,<sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,<sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.<sup>5</sup> 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: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in<sup>[d]</sup> God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

For the Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> 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.'<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> 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.'<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### **The coming week's services and prayer**

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

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## Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

### ***Isaiah 60.1-6***

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,<sup>[a]</sup>  
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.

### ***Psalm 72.10-15***

#### **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the  
isles shall pay tribute; the kings of  
Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.  
11 All kings shall fall down before him;  
all nations shall do him service.

#### **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.**

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry  
out, the needy and those who have no  
helper.  
13 He shall have pity on the weak and  
poor; he shall preserve the lives of the  
needy.

## What social, fundraising and outreach events are coming up?

- **Tue 6 Jan – 8.50 – Little Lambs –**  
Potterspury
- **Tue 6 Jan – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen –**  
Potterspury
- **Thu 8 Jan – 10.30 – Ruth's Coffee Morning –** Cosgrove (17 Main St) – *note change to regular week*
- **Sat 10 Jan – 10.30 – Church Café Plus –** Potterspury
- **Tue 13 Jan – 8.50 – Little Lambs –**  
Potterspury
- **Tue 13 Jan – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen –** Potterspury
- **Sat 17 Jan – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat –** Yardley Gobion

14 He shall redeem their lives from  
oppression and violence, and dear shall  
their blood be in his sight.

**The Lord is king; let the earth  
rejoice.**

15 Long may he live;  
unto him may be given gold from  
Sheba; may prayer be made for him  
continually and may they bless him all  
the day long.

**The Lord is king; let the earth  
rejoice.**

**May your kingdom come, O God,  
with deliverance for the needy,  
with peace for the righteous,  
with overflowing blessing for all  
nations,  
with glory, honour and praise  
for Christ, the only Saviour.**

**Please take this pew-sheet home  
with you after today's service.**

**You may wish to use the  
readings during the week for  
your own prayer and reflection.**