
Pew-sheet for Sunday 4th January

The Epiphany

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

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

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

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make
everyone see what is the plan of the
mystery hidden for ages in^[d] God who
created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in
accordance with the eternal purpose
that he has carried out in Christ Jesus
our Lord, ¹²in 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, 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.

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

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 7th January

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

Thursday 8th January

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspury Daily around 9am until 4pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Wicken – please check noticeboard for who to contact if you wish to go in to church.

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

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,^[a]
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.

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.**