

Nave Altar at the Crib. Crèche available on request.  
 Children's Hour and Choir on holiday.  
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 381.  
 Other Christmas material on page 302.  
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.  
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass [*Sanctus* said.]  
 All the singing is congregational, and all the tunes are easy;  
 however, there will be a short congregational 'choir practice'  
 before the service starts. The Vicar is doubling-up at the organ.

Introit hymn: 24, verses 1-3.

Introduction and Prayers of Penitence

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 381.

*Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

Christmas Sequence: *printed on the back of the readings' paper.*

The Holy Gospel reading from St Luke

Sermon by the Vicar.

Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 213.

Intercession: then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 470, verses 1-4 and 6. Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 [Omit responses in red brackets.]

Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.

Holy Communion is at the front of the nave only.

Please return *via* the side aisles.

After 'Let us pray' all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer (page 182)

The Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 25

There will NOT be Holy Communion this week on Tuesday. However:

Friday is the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord.

Because the singers will be in church for Choir Practice, there will be a simple Sung Eucharist at 1900 on Friday evening. It will last half-an-hour.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Merbecke.*

Antiphon: *Tres Magi de Genibus. Lang.*

Hymns: 52, 48, 36, - , 47. Eucharistic Prayer B.

*The Vicar writes:* I am most grateful to all who helped in so many ways to prepare the church for Christmas, and also to those who did so much in church in connexion with the actual services, as well as all who trudged around the parish with the Christmas leaflets. God bless you all. Many thanks, too, to all those who remembered us at the Vicarage, and who sent us cards and other things. W.R.H.

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WEEKLY NOTES

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

It may be New Year's Day for 'the world', but for Christians in the main-line Churches the year is already five weeks old. In that time we have been put in mind of a world in need of a Saviour, of the four 'last things' (death, judgement, hell and heaven), and we have begun a period of devotional rejoicing in the annual tidings of God's love revealed in the Christ who came as the Babe of Bethlehem. 'The world' has now dismissed him with the cold turkey and colder sprouts, but the Church is today rejoicing in 'the name of Jesus', the Holy Name of which we say (with St Paul) that 'there is none other by which we may be saved', or (again with St Paul) that 'every knee shall bow' in honour of that Name. Jesus was given that name of 'Saviour' – a good Jewish name, the same one as the Hebrew Joshua – but which to Christian ears is a title, just like Christ ('the anointed one'). We reflect on that Name today: how it has been loved and honoured by those who have loved and served their Lord; how Christians (when they remember) still bow the head in church at the mention of the Holy Name, indeed, when I was first ordained, in the days when the clergy wore their birettas during the sermon, whenever the preacher of the sermon said 'Jesus' we used to take them off, lower them slowly to our knee, and then replace them equally slowly back on our heads. (All that fuss has gone now, but the cult of simplicity has not been entirely a matter of gain; there was a point to make, even in just taking off a hat.) Today reminds us that the Holy Name gives us an intimate relationship with Our Lord from the word go: we 'call him Master and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what' he is; but we are also to call him Jesus, for he tells us that we are his friends.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for the Church in Japan (the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*). In the Diocese of Guildford we pray especially for our Bishop, Christopher; and in our parish prayer for the staff and pupils of Nonsuch High School. In our regular prayer for the geographical parish we pray today for the people living in Arundel Avenue.

There is only one service in church today. The running-order is **overleaf**, to avoid an awkward division at the bottom of the page.

**Next Sunday.** Services are back to their usual times. It is the feast of **The Baptism of Our Lord**, and there will be a Procession before the Sung Eucharist. At 1100 there will be all-age **Christian Family Praise** for Epiphany, and this will take the form of the **Procession of the Three Kings**. Evening Prayer will be said in the Parish Room at 1800.