



WEEKLY NOTES

The Epiphany 2nd January 2011

Today we anticipate the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men finally arrive at the Crib in Bethlehem to worship the infant Christ revealed before their eyes. As we continue in the Epiphany season in the coming weeks, we will celebrate other ways in which Christ is revealed and made manifest to us.

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially for
in the Anglican Communion, the province of Burundi; in our diocese, for those in training for the ordained or Reader ministry; in our parish, for the editors and production team of the Ewell Parish News; and for all who live in Mount Pleasant.

Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8am and 9.30am)

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.

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.**

REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

IN CHURCH <i>(all welcome at these services)</i>	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Evening Prayer
Monday	-	-	-
Tuesday	9am	10am (parish room)	5pm
Wednesday	9am	-	5pm
Thursday – The Epiphany	9am	9.30am	5pm

NEXT SUNDAY

9th January – The Baptism of Christ
8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
11am Sung Mattins and Holy Baptism
5.30pm Said Evening Prayer

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (*Common Worship*)

The service begins on page **167** of the black book.

Eucharistic Prayer **B**: page **196** with the proper preface on page **304**.

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

9.30am PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST (*Common Worship*)

Mass Setting: *Harris* in F

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 50 (TUNE NEH 338)

For the Gloria we sing (to tune NEH 139i):

Glory be to God on high,
Peace on earth the angel-cry
To his favoured people here.
Lord and God, our heavenly King,
Worship, thanks, to you we bring
For your glory shining clear.

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
Lord and sole-begotten one,
Fount of holiest love and care:
Earthly sin you take away;
Mercy on us, Lord, we pray;
Lamb of God, receive our prayer.

Holy One in heaven's height,
Seated at the Father's right,
Ever in his glory shine!
You alone, O Christ, are Lord,
Jesus Christ, the eternal Word,
With the Holy Ghost divine.

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 48

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 2.1-12

Sermon: The Vicar.

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 49 (TUNE ii)

Eucharistic Prayer: **B** with extended preface

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

Anthem: How brightly shines the morning star- *Bach*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 47

11.00am MATTINS (*Book of Common Prayer*)

The service begins with responses on page 8 in the Shorter Prayer Book

VENITE: Said (*shorter version*)

OFFICE HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 52

Psalm 132 (on p. 296 in the Prayer Book, said)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31.7-14

TE DEUM: CARD E No. 3 (TUNE NEH 128 ii)

Second Lesson: St John 1.29-34

The service continues on page 11 with the Benedictus and following.

The "Collect of the Day" for the Epiphany is on page 56.

HYMN: NEH 57

Sermon: The Vicar

Prayers

HYMN: NEH 51 (*during which a collection is taken*)

The Blessing

NB There is no evening service today.

NOTICES

The Vicar and Dr Patrick Miller would both like to thank members of the congregation for the many kind cards and gifts they have been sent over Christmas, and in return wish everyone at St Mary's a very happy new year and God's blessing for 2011.

The Vicar is also very grateful for the many 'get well' wishes received while he has been suffering from influenza, and very grateful to all those who went the extra mile to ensure the Christmas services went off so well in his absence.

Also on 'flu: Last year, there was a change to our Holy Communion procedures during the influenza epidemic. We won't be making any changes to our regular practice unless and until any advice is given from the diocesan or national authorities, as last year. Anti-bacterial handwash continues to be used by all those involved in distributing Holy Communion. However, if anyone is vulnerable to 'flu and is worried, it is always perfectly acceptable at Holy Communion to receive the consecrated Bread only.

In response to ideas at our vision day, a **visiting team** is getting off the ground. Wendy Paxman is our new visiting co-ordinator. Members of the congregation are encouraged to contact her on 0208 224 2851, or the parish office. There will be a more formal "launch" in the new year.

THIS WEEK

Please note the **parish office** is closed this week until it re-opens on Monday 10th January. Phone and email messages will be checked throughout.

Wednesday 5th January: Coffee morning in the church hall, 10.30-12, all welcome.

Thursday 6th, Twelfth Night, is the feast of the Epiphany, even though we are celebrating it today. There will be a simple said Eucharist at 9.30am. This is the day Christmas decorations are traditionally removed from houses and churches (though the Crib stays till Candlemas). Any assistance in removing the decorations in church gratefully received.

FUTURE DATES



Sat 22nd January: **Board Games** afternoon in the church hall, open to all. There will be familiar games and some that are probably new to you. Games suitable for adults, teenagers, families, and children. Very simple and easy games as well as ones to make you think! 3pm-6pm.

Thu 10th February: **Caribbean Lunch** at HM Prison High Down, Banstead, in aid of ongoing work for our twinned parish of Corriverton, Guyana. Support both our mission to Guyana mission and help prisoners gaining vocational qualifications. 'The Clink' restaurant is very highly rated indeed. A booking form will go up in the New Year with full menus. *Please put the date in your diary now.* £15 per head with Caribbean/traditional/vegetarian options, transport can be arranged.

Sunday 23rd January: At the 9.30am Sung Eucharist there will be an **all-age talk** today.

Sunday 30th January is the feast of **Candlemas**, and this month's service of Choral Evensong will take place today, at 5.30pm.

