

St. Wilfrid's Weekly



The Feast of the Epiphany

The OT Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6

¹Arise, 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.

The Epistle - Ephesians 3.1-12

¹I, 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 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 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 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.

The Gospel - Matthew 2.1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'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." ⁷Then 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.

Today's Psalms (Evensong) - 98

O sing unto the Lord a / new / song : for he hath / done / marvellous / things.
With his own right hand and with his / holy / arm : hath he / gotten him / self the / victory.
The Lord declared / his sal/vation : his righteousness hath he openly / shewed in the / sight of the / heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the / house of / Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the sal/vation of / our / God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord / all ye / lands : sing re/joyce and / give / thanks.
Praise the Lord up / on the / harp : sing to the / harp with a / psalm of / thanksgiving.
With trumpets / also and / shawms : O shew yourselves joyful be / fore the / Lord the / King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that / therein / is : the round world and / they that / dwell there / in.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together be / fore the / Lord : for he is / come to / judge the / earth.
With righteousness shall he / judge the / world : and the / people / with / equity

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

Happy New Year and prayers and best wishes for 2026.

As usual our Christmas Crib through Christmas and Epiphany will be supporting the work of Mampong Babies Home in Asante, Ghana. Please give generously if you are able.

Our mid-week Communion service resumes this Wednesday at 10 a.m. at The Beacon. If you haven't been before why not come and give it a go?

Also on Wednesday Knit and Natter meets for the first time in 2026 at 2.00 p.m. at The Beacon.

Resuming this week is our Saturday Drop-In at the Beacon from 10.00 a.m. Tea, toast and a friendly chat for all.

In the evening on Wednesday we shall be holding our service of Celtic-style Evensong in The Beacon. We shall be continuing at the slightly earlier time of 6.30 p.m.

On February 7th there will be a Ceilidh in to raise money for the new heating system. The music will be led by The Ironmaster Ceilidh Band and the dances will be called by Baz Parkes.

Tickets are available from
www.wegottickets.com/event/679288

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Susan Norbury, Peter Hargreaves and Neville Barker.

Year's Mind (2015+)	Gordon Smith Leonard Whittick	Margaret Kennon
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Week beginning the 4th January

Sun. The Feast of the Epiphany

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

Wed.	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	The Beacon
	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
	2.00 p.m.	Knit and Natter	The Beacon
	6.30 p.m.	Celtic Evensong	The Beacon

Fri.	6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon
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Sat.	10.00 a.m.	Drop-In	The Beacon
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Sun. Plough Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Family Service	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".



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This Sunday's Readings - The Feast of the Epiphany

<u>8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Psalm 98 Isaiah 60:1-9 John 2:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings - Plough Sunday

<u>8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
Isaiah 55:6-11 Luke 9:57-62	Psalms 46, 47 Joshua 3:1-8,14-end Hebrews 1:1-12

In the pews you will find yellow Gift Aid envelopes. If you do not already participate in the envelope scheme, and are a UK tax payer, please place your offering in one of these, fill in your details on the envelope and sign it. This allows us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering, a basic rate equals 25p per £1, at no extra cost to you. Thank you.