



2 January 2022
Epiphany



Welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time.

Responsible for one another ...

If you have COVID symptoms please come again when you have recovered.

Groups of seats and individual seats are arranged where possible. If not, ask for a card requesting the seat next to you to be left free.

There is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in places of Worship (unless you are exempt).

We will continue to share the peace by turning and/or waving to our neighbours.

Sunday 2 January

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully

9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection : Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Sheena Day, Intercessor: Jenny Gibbons

Hymns: 440, 532, 542, 537

11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Paul Wells, Intercessor: Amanda Wells

Hymns: 479, 724, 641, 49

Wednesday 5 January

10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully

7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection : Canon Paul Gully

Friday 7 January

1pm Joan Baker's funeral at St Andrew's

Collect for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us,

that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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.

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, 2asking, '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." ' 7

7 Then 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.

Post-Communion Prayer for Epiphany

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.

Thank you to everyone who worked to decorate our churches so beautifully for Christmas and who contributed to the services with readings, music, prayers and who helped with the crib services and so much more behind the scenes.

Joan Baker's funeral will be at St Andrew's at 1pm in Friday 7 January—spaces may be limited.

Comfort and Joy/ Churches Homeless Action Vouchers: *Thank you very much for the kind voucher donation raised by Farlington Parish in support of the collection. It has been gratefully received by Fr Bob, the chair of Churches Homeless Action. Each year the recipients are overwhelmed by the generosity of those who contribute.*

Yours sincerely, Maggie Moles CHA Secretary
Temporary Deanery Admin Officer

Farlington Parish donations to Friends without Borders:

Dear Reverend Canon Paul Gully,

We wanted to thank you so much for your [parish's] 4 year commitment to raise funds for Friends without Borders and to let you know how much it meant to our small charity.... throughout Covid we have continued to support our clients by amending our usual face to face drop in, with that of BACS payments and telephone befriending. This has proved very successful, such that we are now looking to continue the befriending aspect to open up the possibility for volunteers who are unable to physically attend our drop in, but can contribute in other ways at times better suiting their working life. Throughout restrictions we were able, through the generous supporters such as yourselves, to continue making our weekly destitution payments to those most vulnerable, and where a bank transfer was not possible, our treasurer would physically deliver cash to those in need. It was delightful to be able to throw open our doors once more in April and see our clients and our drop in has been going from strength to strength. We now have Citizens Advice at our drop in which enhances the service which we can provide with training immigration specialists to hand. We also have Stephen Morgan MP attending a surgery once a month to assist with the Home Office issues. We are aware of the huge mental health issues which have been arising out of lockdown, and which do affect our clients, and have been trying to extend the social opportunities which we offer and have weekly/monthly gardening clubs, baking clubs, walking club and English classes and woodworking classes, to name but a few.

The next few months are somewhat uncertain for most of us, however please be assured that we will be continuing to support asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants, and continue to be their voice in a quite hostile environment for them here. We thank you again so much for your 4 year commitment to our charity.

With best wishes, Veronica and Bryony Joint Chair Friends without Borders



Next Sunday 9 January Baptism of Christ

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
10am Family Service at Resurrection: Simon Lemieux, Preacher: Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Paul Wells, Intercessor: Hannah Emerton

The readings for 9 January are: Acts 8.14-17 and Luke 3. 15-17,21-22. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul

For your prayers this week 2-8 January

- Loving Father, Help us to weather earthly rejection, And accept that we are Accepted by You. Strengthen our convictions, Inspire hope in us.
- For the Isle of Wight Deanery led by Allie Kerr and Steve Daughtery
- For the Jewish, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim communities in Portsmouth
- For residents of Kirtley Close and Kirton Road
- For Solent Junior School
- For those who are ill
- For those who have died recently including Joan Baker
- Anniversaries: Dorothy Ash, Roger Bateman, Carole Clifford, Jean Mitchell, Kathleen Locke, Bill Pointon and Geoff Tanton

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