



3 January 2021
Epiphany



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

HANDS, FACE, SPACE.

Under the Tier 4 requirements you are required to not join any other 'household' group or mingle with any person from another 'household' group while in the building. To help all present to do this we are asking that you leave promptly at the end of the service.

Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit of the building. Please wear a mask if you are able to.

Please respect others' distance.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms we would love you to visit **but not today**. We wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you when you are well again.

If you are unable to stand during the service it is quite alright to remain seated. Please indicate to a sidesperson if you would like Holy Communion brought to you where you are seated. Communion will be in one kind only. Please follow the arrows and be respectful of distancing.

We are happy for you to leave your service sheet in the basket on the table by the door as you leave. They will be put in quarantine and reused at a later date.

Please do take your pew sheet home with you and take one for a friend who may be unable to attend today.

Sunday 3 January

- 8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: The Revd Philippa Good
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection: Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good, Reader: Sheena Day, Intercessor: Jenny Gibbons
- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good, Reader: Rosemary Hadley, Intercessor: Ann Howells

Wednesday 6 January

- 10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's : The Revd Philippa Good

7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: The Revd Philippa Good

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 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.

⁷ Of 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 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

In 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.

PCC NEWS : The PCC has agreed to the appointment of Hannah Emerton as Parish Treasurer from the start of 2021. We want to express our thanks to her as she has agreed to take on this role. We also offer our thanks to Linda Taylor who has carried out the role since 2018.

Paul

Traidcraft - Thank you to those who have bought things over the last few months. We have very little stock left now but can still offer: Ground Coffee £3.95; Demerara Sugar £1.65; Muscovado Sugar £1.50 (1 bag); Individual Apricot & Raisin bars 75p; Dark Chocolate £2.35 and White Divine Bars at £1 (4 bars). If you would like to buy any of these items please contact Jill on 92325868 or jocollings12@yahoo.co.uk and she will arrange to get your purchases to you and collect payment. Many thanks.

VACANCY:

Aggies, a forward looking Christian Charity, supporting the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families for over 140 years have a vacancy for an **OPERATIONS AND HR MANAGER** based in the Portsmouth Head Office. 32 hrs per week over 4 days £25,542. This exciting post calls for enthusiasm, excellent relationship skills and a Christian vocation. For full recruitment pack visit www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies. Closing date 31 January, Interviews 10 February.

Next Sunday 10 January 2021 Baptism of Christ

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: The Revd Philippa Good
10am Family Service at Resurrection: Simon Lemieux, Reader: Amber VP, Intercessor: Hannah Emerton

The readings for 10 January are: Acts 19.1-7 and Mark 1.4-11

I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul

For your prayers this week 3-9 January

- Loving God, may your grace shine upon us. Give us a new revelation of your love and help us be a light to the world.
- For Isle of Wight Deanery led by Amanda Collinson
- For the Jewish, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities in Portsmouth
- For residents of St Hellen's Road and St John's Road
- For Springfield School
- For those who are ill
- For those who have died recently including Ray Passmore.
- Anniversaries: Dorothy Ash, Carole Clifford, Jean Mitchell, Bill Pointon, Margaret Ransley and Geoff Tanton

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