

**FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the World Council of Churches and in our own diocese, the Vision for Action Initiative – Mission.

At their year's mind, we remember Marie Simmons, George Richmond, Edward Dean, Harry Smith and Fred Butler.

We welcome Elodie, daughter of Katherine and Matthew Briggs into the fellowship of Christ's Church, as we celebrate her baptism this morning.

**NOTICES:**

**SICK LIST** Today is the second of two Sundays when we can put names onto this month's sick list. The list to receive the names is on the prayer board. Please note that names are not carried forward automatically, unless Marion has been asked to do so.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Wednesday 8th January at 10.00am.

**PCC MEETING** on Thursday at 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING ROTA** There is a new list on the notice board at the back of the Church. Please add your name to the rota and help with a really enjoyable and sociable morning by serving coffees/teas and cake with a smile and a chat! It's a lovey way to start the weekend! Help is given, please see Marion for more information.

**RECYCLING:** A reminder that we collect used printer cartridges to raise money for St Mary's by recycling and we can now also recycle old mobile phones. Please place your used cartridges and mobile phones in the box provided in church. Unfortunately it is no longer possible for us to recycle laser cartridges.

**MUSIC @ ST MARY'S New Year's Concert** – THIS SATURDAY - 11 January (starting at 2pm so you can get home in daylight) to be performed by Aylesbury Concert Band, tickets £8 available from Sharon 01525 222283.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** We are collecting donations of gloves, socks and woolly hats together with blankets that will go on convoys to refugee camps around the world. There is a convoy leaving **mid January**. Also if anyone has a spare sleeping bag that they no longer need the homeless shelters in Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable will make good use of them. Please give any donations of the above items to either Catherine H. or Angela. Thank you.

**TEDDY BEARS** for baptisms. Please would all you knitters in the congregation get your knitting needles out and knit some more lovely teddy bears? Please ask me (Marion) if you would like some wool to use.

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY**  
with  
**EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL**



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**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

**5TH JANUARY 2020**

**Epiphany**

**SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

10.00am – Parish Communion with Baptism

**HYMNS**

Please use BCS – 14, 4, 5, 21

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**taken from New Standard Revised Version**

Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

*If you usually receive communion in a Christian, Church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you are not a communicant, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.*

**COFFEE** is served at the back of the church after the 10.00am service.

Please stay and meet other members of our parish.

**Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)**

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday. Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

**Churchwardens: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)**

**Angela Dunford (01525 221944)**

Notices for inclusion in next week's  
Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion at  
mdhmsh@btinternet.com  
or (01525 222478)  
by 6pm on Thursday please.



**COLLECT:**

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**

**READING: Isaiah 60:1–6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift 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. Then 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. A 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **R: *Thanks be to God***

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1–12**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of 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. Although 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord. **R: *Thanks be to God***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**R: *Glory to you, O Lord***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, '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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "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.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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.' When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: *Praise to you, O Christ***