

# Welcome

Sunday, 6 January, 2019

Epiphany (white)

**EAST BARNET**   
**PARISH CHURCH**  
St Mary the Virgin

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*Epiphany celebrates God being revealed in God's Son as human in Jesus Christ. We remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' appearance to the non-Jewish world. We begin the season of Epiphanytide, which focuses on the unity and mission of the church.*

**10.00am All Age Eucharist**

**Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch, and a reading of "A Christmas Carol"**

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## **10.00am All Age Eucharist**

### **¶ Opening Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater son!  
Hail, in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers  
Spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go,  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring,  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all blest;  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is love.

### **¶ Collect**

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.

**Amen**

### **¶ First reading**

Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that 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 to 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 to 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.

## ¶ Psalm 72

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 **All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.**
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.
- 13 **He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 **Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.**

## ¶ Gospel

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, 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.

## ¶ Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn, a collection will be taken*

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

## ¶ Communion Hymn

As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold.  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him Whom Heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As their precious gifts they laid  
At thy manger roughly made;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King!

# Notices & Information

## ¶ Post Communion prayer

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**

## ¶ Closing hymn

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

*Refrain:*

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh,  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worship him, God most high.

*Refrain:*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*Refrain:*

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
earth to heav'n replies.

*Refrain:*



## ¶ Church School admission

Parents and guardians of children who will be applying for admission to church schools should sign in the book confirming their attendance at our Sunday services, to support their application. The book is available from a Churchwarden.

## ¶ Please pray for

*Our Wardens, Associate Priest, Reader, Parish Administrator and PCC, and all those involved in caring for us in the vacancy and in finding a new Rector.*

*All victims of war, natural disasters, famine, and refugees; the emergency services.*

*Those who have asked for our prayers:*

Trevor and Luke; Janet; Don, Jilly and family; Deborah and family; Joan; David; Janet; Carmen; Marcia and family; Audrey; Emma and Max; Susan; Pat; Peter; Michael; Estelle

*R.I.P.*

Yia Yia

*Anniversary of Death*

Doris Poulton, Meg Sanders, Josephine Page, Olive Driscoll, Kathleen Childs, Cecelia Tomasi

*Those living in:*

Caversham Court, Cedar Avenue, Cedar Rise

*Anniversary of Baptism*

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## The Vacancy Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you call us to follow in faith, with confidence in your abiding presence. Be with us in this time of vacancy, and prepare us for a new chapter in our ministry together in Christ's name. Give wisdom and discernment to those who act on our behalf, that your will may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

## ¶ Gift Aid from cash collections at services

If you are giving a small cash donation (i.e. £20 or less) you need not use a Gift Aid envelope.

If giving a cheque (to East Barnet PCC) or over £20 cash, and you pay UK tax, **please use a Gift Aid envelope**, making sure you fill in your details.

**Many thanks.**

# Notices & Information

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## ¶ Next Sunday, 13 January 2019

### The Second Sunday of Epiphany (white)

10.45am Partnership Covenant Service at  
Brookside Methodist Church

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## ¶ Sunday Club

Sunday Club returns on Sunday 20 January.  
Meanwhile there are plenty of activity sheets suitable  
for all ages available on the table in the South Aisle.  
Please return any borrowed clip boards - thank you!

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## ¶ Dates for your Diaries

### Sunday 20 January

10.00am Parish Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St  
James New Barnet, on the theme of Justice

### Sunday 27 January

10.00am Parish Eucharist led by the Rev'd Colin Smith  
12.45 for 1.00pm Holocaust Memorial Day service at  
Rickett Quadrangle, Middlesex University, NW4 4BT

### Sunday 3 February - Candlemas

10.00am Messy Mass with Christingle making

### Friday 1 March

7.30 for 8.00pm Quiz Evening

### Saturday 2 March

2 - 4.00pm Table Top Sale

## ¶ This week

### Monday 7 January

9.30am Staff prayers and meeting  
8.00pm Standing Committee

### Tuesday 8 January

8.00pm Choir practice  
8.00pm Informal Worship at Brookside

### Wednesday 9 January

4.00pm Children's choir practice at  
Brookside

### Thursday 10 January

9.30am Little Tots group at Brookside  
10.45 am Holy Communion at Brookside  
5.45 pm Brownies at Brookside  
7.30 pm Guides at Brookside

### Friday 11 January

9.30am School worship

### Saturday 12 January

9.45am to 2.00pm First Aid Course in church.

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## ¶ Chipping Barnet foodbank

Just before Christmas the foodbank distributed food to  
over 80 people. Despite very generous donations, there  
are still some shortages:

**Cereal (not porridge), tinned tomatoes,  
toothbrushes, toothpaste, jam.**

Donations can be put in the box in the south aisle or in  
the atrium at Brookside. Thank you for your continued  
generosity to local people in crisis.

**Rector** vacant

### Associate Priest

The Rev'd Dr Jenny King  
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