



*St John the
Evangelist
Highbridge*

*We want to be a people of courage,
sharing God's love across our community.*

2nd January 2022
Epiphany

Music in Today's service:

- 537 We three kings
73 Brother, sister let me serve you
53 Be still for the presence of the Lord
78 Christ's is the world's true light

Welcome to Church Today

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.

Post Communion: 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.

Bible Reading: Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Bible Reading: 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.

Thank you to all who helped with all the Christmas events and services!

In our prayers....

To include somebody on this prayer list please let Liz in the office know by 8am on Thursday, making sure the person you wish to be included wants their name in print.

Marriage:

Couples preparing for marriage and those recently married.

Baptisms:

We pray for all parents and godparents

Those in need of our prayers:

Those at home, in care or with long term conditions:

Geof Amesbury, Audrey Lomax, Olive Dicks, Val and George Crawford, Christine Marston, Jo Burridge, Bishop Peter, John and Sue Ruffle, Victoria Yassenko, Gloria Vivash, Adrian Roberts, Gaynor Lynham, Joan Webb, Sandra Shattock

For those who have died:

We pray for those who have recently died and their loved ones who grieve their loss.

Those whose anniversary falls this week:

Dennis Dicks, Ruth Dyer, Margaret Slack, Marion Hodgson,

In our community:

We pray for those preparing to return to work, for those facing the New Year with fear or trepidation, and for all who lift our spirits in the dark months of the year.

In our world:

We pray for peace between nations, tribes and religions.



For general enquiries and wedding or baptism bookings, in the first instance please contact the church parish office.

Office opening times are:

Tuesday 10am -2pm

Wednesday 9.30am – 12 noon

Thursday 10am – 2pm

Term time only



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CALENDAR

January 2022

Sunday 2nd The Epiphany

10am Communion

Wed 5th 9.30am

Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Thurs 6th 10am – 2pm

Church open for prayer

Sunday 9th Baptism of Christ

10am Communion

Wed 12th 9.30am

Communion in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook

Thurs 13th 10am – 2pm

Church open for prayer