

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



Confident in Faith

The wise men followed the star they had seen, and came to know God in the child they found and worshipped at Bethlehem.

Throughout 2024 many will 'see their star' and come looking for the Lord in our churches and church communities. What will they find?

Whatever doubts we may have regarding the faith or the Church in general, we have to be genuine ourselves in our search for God, or people will see right through us and take us for the hypocrites we undoubtedly would be shown to be.

And we have to be committed to our common search. Half-hearted searchers find half a truth. Part-time searchers never get going on the journey.

May God bless our growing band of searchers with the commitment that will in the end indeed lead us all together back to God

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

Epiphany Sunday (7th January 2024)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong & Procession

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 8th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 9th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 PCC, Saints

Thursday 11th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 12th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 13th January

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer



EPIPHANY SUNDAY - PROCESSION & CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn:

Setting:

Collect Prayer

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**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn:

Communion Motet:

Post-Communion Hymn:

Voluntary:

SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG & PROCESSION

Responses:

Psalm(s): 98 & 100

First Lesson: Isaiah 60.1-9

Office Hymn:

Canticles:

Second Lesson: John 2.1-11

Anthem:

Hymn:

Voluntary:

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 7th January - Epiphany Sunday

- Recognition of Jesus as our Lord
- ◇ The Scottish Episcopal Church
- ✦ Bessie Pick; Marshall Silcock; Jo Bargh

Monday 8th January - Baptism of Christ

- Benefice of Ambergate with Heage
- ◇ British Columbia - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ Jane Jackson; Derrick Ashley

Tuesday 9th January

- Thanks for our Readers serving across the Diocese
- ◇ Central Buganda - The Church of Uganda

Wednesday 10th January - William Laud

- Benefice of Ashbourne St Oswalds, Mappleton and Ashbourne St John
- ◇ West Buganda - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ Peter Graves

Thursday 11th January - Mary Slessor

- Benefice of Bakewell, Ashford in the Water, Sheldon and Rowsley
- ◇ Buhiga - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ Mary Wright; Gladys Fielding; Edna Judd
Barbara Dain; Joan Day

Friday 12th January - Aelred of Hexham;

Benedict Biscop

- Those struggling financially
- ◇ Bujumbura - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ Harry Crofts

Saturday 13th January - Hilary; Kentigern;

George Fox

- Benefice of Ashover, Brackenfield and Wessington
- ◇ Bukavu - The Anglican Church of Congo
- ✦ Eric Allsopp; Margaret Coxhead; John Martin
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John
Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie Alice Seeney;
Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris;
Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;
John Lockwood; Ian Bennett; Tony Ragan;
Sue Hastings; Terry Bell; Iain Bushe; Jane
Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Marian Mathews;
Barbara Carter; Jack; Charles Gaskell

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC will be at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 10th January in the Saints Parish
Centre.

A Feast for Candlemas

There will be a special Candlemas Evensong
at 6.30pm on Friday 2nd February.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by the choir's
Pie & Quiz night in the Saints. Tickets for the
Pie & Quiz are £7 adults and £5 children.
Further information: choir@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 14th January - Epiphany II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Revelation 5.1-10
John 1.43-end

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 96
Isaiah 60.9-end
Hebrews 6.17-7.10

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