



ST JAMES THE GREAT HAYDOCK

Registered Charity 1153937

7th January 2018
Epiphany Sunday

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TODAY - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8.00am: Holy Eucharist

10.00am: Sung Eucharist (*with procession, Epiphany gifts,
and renewal of baptismal vows*)

11.45am: Holy Eucharist

6.00pm: Evensong and Benediction

MONDAY

today our school starts its Spring Term - please remember the children and staff in your prayers

TUESDAY

6.30pm: Vestry Hour in the Parish Room

7.30pm: Holy Eucharist (*Mothers' Union postponed AGM after*)

WEDNESDAY

9.30am: Eucharist

THURSDAY

2.15pm: Eucharist (*Women's Guild*)

6.50pm: Rosary

FRIDAY

9.05am: Eucharist in School

SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am: Holy Eucharist

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

11.45am: Holy Eucharist

6.00pm: Evening Service for the Baptism of Christ

RECRUITMENT

Please continue to pray for Nancy and Bill, our PCC Representatives, and all involved in the process of selecting a new Incumbent for our Parish. We ask for God's guidance in this.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

7th to 10th August - the list is at the back of church for signature by anyone who wishes to join us on pilgrimage, but please remember that only those whose names are on the list *and who have paid the £10 deposit* can be included in the booking. Please pay Dot as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY

6.30pm: Meeting of the School's Full Governing Body

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY

7.30pm: Meeting of Winwick Deanery Synod at St Peter's
Newton-le-Willows

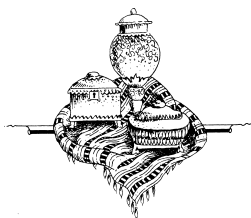
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. The church exists in many denominations and Christians express their faith in differing ways; we do however share a common baptism, so let us pray that we may learn to love and respect one another and follow Jesus together.

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

7.00pm for 7.30pm - Burns Night Supper

We cordially invite you to celebrate the Scottish Bard on this evening. Supper will be served in the Parish Centre, and will feature Haggis wi' bashed neaps and tatties (hotpot for the Sassenachs). Tickets cost £7.50 per person, and there is a list at the back of church - book early to avoid disappointment!



EPIPHANY SUNDAY



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

First Reading: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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.

Alleluia Sentence: *from John 1:14*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:
and we have seen his glory.

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.

Prayer after 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.

Amen

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Vestry Hour - each Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Parish Room

Organist: Mr Gordon Gerrard

Sunday Worship: 8.00am Said Eucharist (*1st Sunday BCP*)
10.00am Sung Eucharist
(*1st Sunday - Family Eucharist and Baptisms*)
11.45am Said Eucharist
6.00pm Evensong (*1st Sunday with Benediction*)

Weekday Worship: Each day Morning and Evening Prayer are said in St Alban's chapel at the times displayed each week on the small notice board outside the main door of the church. If you would like to attend any of these brief acts of worship you are most welcome to do so.

Rosary Group: 6.50pm Thursday

The Holy Eucharist: 7.30pm Tuesday
9.30am Wednesday
9.05am Friday - School Eucharist during term time
(in church during school holidays)
On Holy Days as announced in the church magazine

Confessions: By appointment.

Holy Communion: to those who are sick or housebound - on request

Holy Baptism: Baptisms usually take place at the Family Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month. To arrange, please leave a message at the Vicarage or via the church website.

Holy Matrimony: Initial enquiries to the Vicarage or via the church website

Funerals: The Funeral Director will usually make all the arrangements