

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

The Epiphany – Sunday, 2nd January

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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.

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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.

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.

Hymn numbers are displayed on the boards in church

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Ray Weaver, Doug Todd, David Major, Doy Marriott, Joan Harris, David Wardle, Sue Roberts.

We pray for those who have recently died.

In our year’s mind we remember, Louise Minton, Dinah Hewlett, Nora Hudson, Barbara Sharrock and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Stepping Stones (Free drop in bereavement support) **Friday, 7th January 2pm – 4pm, St Mary’s Church Hall.** Tea and biscuits provided. The group meets the first Friday of each month.

January Parish Magazine is now available. There are copies available in All Saints and St Mary’s.

The week ahead

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary’s
11.00am St Peter and St Paul’s at Boxwood Cottage

Thursday (6th January)

Little Saints 12.30 – 2pm All Saints Vestry

Next Sunday (9th January)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary’s Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion (including the baptism of Chloe Durrant)
11.15am St Paul’s Morning Prayer
6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong