



## Epiphany I

8th January 2017



Welcome to our services at  
St Nicholas' in Worth and St  
Barnabas' in Pound Hill.

This sheet details the readings in today's services and notices for everyone. **It is for you to take home and share.** If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. Please feel free to use the soft toys and books at the back of the church for your children. At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service

### SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Canon Julia Peaty

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Canon Julia Peaty

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'  
*Celebrant and Preacher:* Revd Sue Suddaby

12.00 Baptism at St. Nicholas  
*Presiding:* Revd Canon Julia Peaty



What is Epiphany for you?

It is strange that sometimes we can come across the word 'Epiphany' in the text of a newspaper article, such as 'it was then I had an epiphany moment'.

The Greek word Epiphany means showing forth' or 'manifestation'.

The story of the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus is intended to demonstrate or show forth that Jesus is for the whole of human kind. So to have an 'epiphany moment' is a way of saying, (or to use a more day to day expression) 'the penny dropped'. It is a realisation, a sudden awareness of something important that had previously been hidden.

The story of the wise men adorns our Christmas cards and is the subject of some favourite carols. But what about everyday life? What about 2017? Can we be instruments of Epiphany moments for other people in helping them to see Jesus Christ not as a figure of history but a presence in our day to day lives.

Our task is to 'show forth' Christ whenever and however we can by acts of love and consideration for other people.

Epiphany Blessings to you all for the New Year!

Roger Brown



## 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 our Lord. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 60.1-6* **RISE AND SHINE**

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 he 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.

**Psalm 72**  
**[1-9]10-15**



## Second 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 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.



## 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.

### 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 incarnate Son, who suffered, died, and was buried, and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Diary Notes & Notices

### Fun Mondays

The Pastoral Centre Café is open Term Time on Monday afternoons from 14.00 – 16.00. A group of regulars are keen to play some card or board games. Come to play or just to chat. Tea/coffee and cake available.

**Saturday Market 14<sup>th</sup> January** in the Centre. Do join us for bargains and refreshments

We, and our chosen Christmas Charities, would like to thank all who donated over the Christmas period.



**The Parish Prayer Group** next meet 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 19th January. Everyone welcome

**Friday lunches** 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **11<sup>th</sup> Jan** (for catering) for 13<sup>th</sup> Jan at the Centre or phone **0300 111 8150**.

Wed 11 January 17  
Maidenbower Infants School 15.00-4.45pm



Wed 25 January 17  
St Barnabas' 15.00-4.45pm

Old and new friends welcome!

**The Pastoral Centre** is now open as usual on Mon 14.00 – 16.00pm & Tues, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12.00am for tea, coffee, snacks, cake and friendship.

We welcome donations or offerings home-made cakes. If anyone is willing to bake any items for us these will be gratefully received. Reimbursement can be arranged for ingredients used. Enjoy the baking without gaining the calories!

**The Julian Group** next meets on **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** at St. Barnabas and **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** at St. Nicholas, for 30 minutes of contemplative prayer and meditation. All welcome!

**Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30pm** East Grinstead Deanery Roadshow with Bishop Richard Jackson for the Year of the Bible. This will take place at St. Mary's, Southgate, RH10 6DL. Everyone welcome. '

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Worth Book Club** will be meeting in the Centre on the last Monday of each month at 7.00 pm. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or just turn up!

**Heat for Health** is a local partnership initiative designed to help people understand the link between a warm home and healthy living. They can be contacted on 01444477191 or midsussex.gov.uk Free room card thermometers - which allow you to see what the temperature is where you sit in the evening and where you sleep

**Parish Home Groups** will continue to meet every two weeks - if you are interested in joining a home group please contact either Dave Parker 884574 or Joan Tick 884695.

**Worth Home Group** will start again on **Tuesday January 10th 7.30pm** at 32 Saxon Road, Worth, following the Pilgrim Course "The Eucharist".  
Further details from Joan Tick 01293 884695.

The **Lighthouse Project** is turning 20! Please join us for our 20th Birthday Celebration Service on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 4.30pm – 5.30pm** at St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green RH106NU All are welcome! Please join us for some 'party nibbles' afterwards! Do take a take an invitation from either church if you would like to attend!

A reminder to those who signed up about the **Safeguarding Training on Sat 28th January 2017 at St Barnabas 09.30 – 12:00 (tbc)** Any queries please contact Noreen Oxlade on 884172 or Email: noxlade@hotmail.com.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 9th	11am Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Tues 10th	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 12th	10.30 Eucharist 14:30 Julian Group	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 15 Jan	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's – all age worship	St Nicholas'

## Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

### Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

## CONTACTS

During the interregnum the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Julia Peaty + Church Wardens, Phyl Pennell and David Parker, are the sequestrators (responsible for clergy cover).

Also Revd Gordon Parry has offered his number 07802 43 23 98 if anyone specifically needs to talk with a member of clergy

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