

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	4 th	0930 Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5 th	0930 Morning Prayer 1930 Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	6 th	0945 Morning Prayer 1030 Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayers
Thursday	7 th	0930 Morning Prayer
Friday	8 th	1900 Junior and Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	9 th	0930 Intercessions
Sunday	10th	0800 Said Eucharist Baptism of Christ 0915 Parish Communion

Both Parish (Wed to Fri), YACC (Mon to Tue) Offices and the Church will re-open as usual from Mon, 4th Jan 2021.

We are still in urgent need of a PCC Secretary. If you feel you may be able to help (you do not need to be a PCC member already), please do talk to Rev'd Jenny.

News

Sadly we announce that Patrick Vaughan has passed away on Friday, 18th Dec.

A huge **Thank You** to all Leaders, teams of volunteers and unsung volunteers who serve this Church and community so generously throughout last year despite COVID-19's restrictions.

We are very grateful for all your time, efforts and talents. We couldn't do it without you. As soon as conditions allow we intend to resume all regular activities and events as before.

For anyone who would you like to consider joining our 'church army', in some way, do get in touch with a member of the ministry team or the Parish Office.

Public worship services continue in person (in church) and also online.

The Sunday 8am Said Eucharist continues to be video recorded for web-streaming at 12noon.

Welcome

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Epiphany

Services Today

8am **Said Eucharist**
9:15am **Parish Communion**
Youth & Children's Church (YACC)
Music **No Hymns to be sung by the congregation**

Congregational setting: Not applicable

Choir: Choir on holiday until 10th Jan 2021

Organ:

Carol Ralph V. Williams (1872-1958)
Interlude on The Coventry Carol William L. Webber (1914-1982)
Variations 3 & 6 from Variations sur "In dulci jubilo"
Denis Bédard (b.1950)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Guessens Road.

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Sunday 3rd January 2021
Epiphany

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.

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.

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.

Next Readings: Sunday 10th January 2021

Genesis 1: 1-5; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11