

Sunday 7th January 2024

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Those who are not attending St John's can watch live (or later) on YouTube. The links are below and the church website.

<https://youtube.com/live/017R95yf51M?feature=share>

Thursday 11th

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 12th

12.15 Lunchtime Concert at St John's

This week's concert will be something a little bit different. We'll be playing "Organ Jukebox Bingo". The organ will be the jukebox and it will have a massive potential playlist. But we'll use the bingo machine to choose the pieces that will be played from the playlist. We won't know what the actual programme will be until the pieces are selected at random as the concert progresses. It should be fun!

As usual, lunches by Alan and Sarah will be available from 11.45am or bring your own. Entry is free.

Sunday 14th January

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Sharing in Ministry at St John's

Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)

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EPIPHANY

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Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns:

Introit Hymn105 We three kings

Gradual Hymn 95 Bethlehem, what greater city

Offertory Hymn 94 As with gladness men of old

Sending out Hymn 86 The first Nowell

Motet: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning – Malcolm Archer

Closing voluntary: Procession of the Magi – Adrian Vernon Fish

Refreshments will be available in the meeting room opposite the main Church door following the service this morning

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**

Post Communion Prayer

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**

Intercessions

Please pray for one another during this difficult time and those who you know are unwell at present: **Pam Melville, Julie Barker, Catherine, Lisa Payne, Janet Bennet, Sylvia Beckett, Margaret Cockerill, Eileen Massow**

and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to God's love and mercy: **Marion Best, Clive Willey, Christine Jemmeson**

If anyone wants to add someone to St John's prayer list please contact Jacqui or Jenny Molyneux-Berry 01245 223231

RECYCLE YOUR USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you don't know what to do with your used Christmas Cards this year, Joan and others would be grateful if you could recycle them by bringing into church and placing in the box in the porch. These will then be used by them for craft activities. Thank you



Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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, ² 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.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "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."'

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.'⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.