

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6th January	5.00pm 8.00pm	<i>LOT at Larchfield Community Centre</i> Tuesday Club Quiz Evening in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 7th	10.00am	Eucharist with refreshments Celebrant: Fr Neil
Friday 9th	10.00am	Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Sunday 11th		THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: John Ainslie
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Café Church Celebrant: Fr Neil Preacher: John Ainslie Crèche
	12 noon	Holy Baptism
	6.00pm	<i>Iona Worship at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green</i>

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

Sunday 4th JANUARY 2015 EPIPHANY

*You are very welcome to take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings,
and to remind you of the events taking place.*

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Collect & Readings as below.
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Neil

10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Service: *The Parish Eucharist at Epiphany* **Hymns:** *Hymns Ancient & Modern*
Celebrant: Fr Neil

Organ Prelude Christum wir sollen loben schon BWV 611 J S Bach

Opening Hymn 49 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

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**

O T READING

Isaiah 60: 1—6

Roger Simpson

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.

N T READING

Ephesians 3: 1—12

Gillian Churchill

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.

Sermon

Fr Neil

The Offering of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh

1. We three Kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
alleluia, alleluia,
earth to heaven replies.

John Henry Hopkins (1822-1900)

Offertory Hymn (if required) **51 As with gladness men of old**

Communion Hymn**42 In the bleak midwinter****Closing Hymn****47 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,**

Organ Postlude

In dir ist Freude

BWV 615

J S Bach

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church
thanks to the Tuesday Club

Fr Jeremy's Notes

We have received the sad news of the death of Ted Bond, a long-time member of our congregation, who moved away a couple of years ago. We send our love and condolences to his daughter. Funeral details will follow.

Walsingham for *The Men of Boyne Hill* All Saints has been invited to join with a parish from Ruislip to share a weekend at Walsingham from Friday 30th January until Sunday 1st February. We will travel together in cars and enjoy individual rooms and 3 cooked meals a day. The cost is £122 and we will need a commitment of £50 by the end of December. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and joining in the worship at the Shrine Church as well as sharing conversations over a drink, going for local walks and making new friendships. Please fill in a form at the back of the church if you are interested.

On **Wednesday 14th January** at 7.30pm there will be a meeting of the Worship Group in the Birinus Room.

And may the family of All Saints have a peaceful and joyful New Year, with love from Fr Jeremy, Fr Neil, Elizabeth and our wardens Stella and Rod.

OTHER NEWS

Tuesday Club 6th January First Larchfield Open Table of 2015 from 5.00pm at Larchfield Community Centre.

Tuesday Club 6th January 8.00pm in the Parish Centre

All welcome to join us for another popular quiz evening organised by Doug & Stella Horne. **Brenda Ilott**

Mothers' Union Wednesday 14th January 2.30pm in the Parish Centre

Our guest speaker this month will be Dorothy Strack-Hankey.

Flower Rota for 2015 The rota is on the cross aisle table and we shall be grateful if you will add your name to the week you wish to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see, and to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays etc. Sponsoring a week ensures that we are able to have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC Funds of any cost whatsoever. I am sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and thank you for your support. The Rota has been on the table for a little while now, but there may still be some weeks available.

Barbara Bannister