

## Parish Notices

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**Sunday Morning Holy Communion**  
10.00am -

**St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/856888392>

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**Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am**

**St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>



Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral Please click [here](#) to join the service. **Worship Times**  
Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm  
Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

**WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil**  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
The Epiphany**

**No Parish Eucharist**



### **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.

### **Reading**

#### **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

## **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 Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Future Services**

**The PCC will be holding a meeting to discuss and decide on our future Parish Services**

## **Special prayers for those in need**

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Jean Williamson, Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson, Ray Stephens, Sue Payne & Family

## **Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion**

Clive & Andrea Lever, Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

## **Departed**

Rowan Rose  
Millie Moss  
Rosanna Matthews  
Maureen Mills  
Christie Milledge  
Dorothy Mowbray (Sue Payne's Mum)

Our thoughts are with the families of Rowan Rose, Millie Moss, Rosanna Mathews, Maureen Mills, Christie Milledge and Dorothy Mowbray

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***If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to***  
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