

## SPECIAL MATERIAL FOR THIS MORNING

This day a star leads the wise men to the manager.

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Nations shall come to your light

**And Kings to the brightness of your rising.**

They shall bring gold and frankincense

**And proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Your gates will lie open continually

**Shut neither by day nor by night.**

No more will the sun give you daylight

**Nor moonlight shine upon you.**

But the Lord will be your everlasting light

**Your God will be your splendour.**

*The Kings are placed in the crib, and for each a prayer is said.*

*The response is*

**Blessed be God for ever!**

### Intercessions.

Please email [clintonendavis@btinternet.com](mailto:clintonendavis@btinternet.com) or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

#### Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Augustine Marchie
John Coates	Wendy Marks
Joe Daniels	Mollie Neaves
Cathy Garner	Jeff Fernet Randell
Michael Greenstreet	Jane Sadler
Marguerite Hart	Stephen
Daphne Holland	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Brenda Hope	Michael Walsh
Audrey Little	Jane Wearne

#### the departed and all who mourn their passing

Anne Andrews	Maurice Mowbray
Harold Cannell	

### Notices

#### Lite Bite Lunch at St Philip's

Enjoy a light lunch, a speaker and some company.

Our first speaker will be Revd Ian.

1st Wednesday of every month from 13.00 -14.30

Starting on 7th January (Charge £1.50)

Any queries please contact Frauke on 756002.

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**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU**

## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

**Sunday 4 January 2015**

### The Epiphany

#### At All Saints

**Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist** begin on page 65 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

#### Music for the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist:

Service: Aston

NEH 47 As with gladness men of old

Gradual Psalm NEH 535 All the ends of the earth

NEH 49 Brightest and best of the sons of  
the morning

NEH 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Communion Motets:

O taste and see

Vaughan Williams

Ave Verum

Elgar

Psalm after Dismissal: 150

**Choral Evensong is at 6.30 pm.**

#### At St Philip's and St Stephen's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed.

**Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!**

### What's on this Week

**Tuesday**

**6 January 2015**

#### The Epiphany

8.30 am Eucharist said at St Philip's

10.00 am - noon

Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

11.00 am

Restoration Trust Meeting,  
All Saints Vestry

**Wednesday**

**7 January 2015**

1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

Light Lunch & Talk at St Philips  
The Revd Ian Parrish

**Thursday**

**8 January 2015**

12.30 pm

Eucharist said in All Saints

**Friday**

**9 January 2015**

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Children's Disco at St Philip's

**Sunday**

**11 January 2015**

#### The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

**9.30 am Choral Eucharist at All Saints**

**11.00 am Family Eucharist at St Philip's**

Readings for the main Eucharists:

Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

## CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

### 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 (All Saints only)

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.

### 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 to 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 to 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 ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

### 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.