

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2.1-12 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

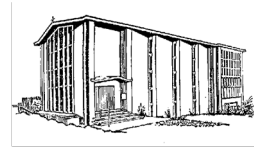
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and 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.

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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The 1st Sunday of Epiphany- Year B

7th January, 2024

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

A reading from Book of the Prophet 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.

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This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings to study at your leisure, is for you to take home. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.

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- **Children** from Nursery age upwards
- are encouraged to join the Junior
- Church during the 10.00am service. It
- begins a few minutes into the service,
- and parents are welcome to go too
- into the Trinity room. There is a
- children's corner for tots at the front
- of church, to be used under your own
- supervision, and you'll also find
- colouring boxes there for children
- to use alongside you in the pew.

Giving to Holy Trinity

We rely on your donations to maintain our church and its mission. Donations can be made on our website, or by cash or contactless card in church. Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible. Thank you.

Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk and we have a facebook page at www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen

Services Today

8.00am BCP Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist
President Rev Lizzie Hood
Preacher Rev Lizzie Hood
Hymns HON 47, 48, 50, 387, 49, 52
Jnr Church

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday 8th January
9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom
11.30am Funeral in church, Mandy Howard RIP
7.00pm C.A. group in TR
Tuesday 9th January
7.30pm Trinity Men's Group meet in TR
Wednesday 10th January
10.00am Holy Communion
2.00pm Craft group in TR
7.45pm Parochial Church Council meeting in TR
Thursday 11th January
9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.00am Toddler Church
Friday 12th January
7.00pm Choir practice
Saturday 13th January
10am-12noon Saturday Coffee Shop

Sunday 14th January 2024 Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Parish Eucharist
11.30am Stop for a 2nd Discussion Group
Readings:
1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Revelation 5: 1-10
John 1: 43-end

The Epiphany

PRAYERS

Please pray

... for the sick: John and Laurence Blythe, Julia Davenne, Phyllis Duncan, Madge Field, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Florence Portugal and Carole Robson.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Ingrid Blockley, Ruth Carlton-Ashton, Mandy Howard and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9th January 7.30pm Trinity Men's Group. Speaker: Revd Lizzie Hood 'A funny thing happened on the way to the pulpit'.

Tuesday 16th January 3.30pm Woodland Worship at LG School. All young families would be welcome to join us.

Sunday 21st January 10am
Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society. All-age non-Eucharistic service.



Sunday 21st January 6.30pm TYG Youth Group in the TR, for Year 6 up.

Saturday 27th January 9am—10am
'Bible Bites'- new breakfast Bible discussion group begins

Tuesday January 30th 7.30-8.30pm
Bible Jounalling Workshop in TR with Expressions Academy.



NOTICES

Thanks to all who supported last night's concert - 'Some Enchanted Evening. Thanks to Beverley for managing the bookings, to the Social Committee for catering, and of course to the O'Donnell family and guests for the lovely music.

Morning Prayer is now said on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9am on Zoom. We would welcome others to join us. Just ask the Rector for the link.

Bible jounalling workshop Tuesday 30th January 7.30pm—8.30pm. The workshop will be run by Expressions Academy. Cost: £7 to include all art materials and refreshments. Booking essential via info@expressions.academy

Community Foodbank

If you are able, please consider making regular donations of in-date tinned or packet goods and household consumables to the foodbank for families struggling. Your contributions can be left at the donation point in the TR whenever you're in - midweek or Sundays. **Thank you.**



Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. If you wish to remain off camera please sit in the left hand bank of seating (north aisle).



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