A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

1.3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in

heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Hear the Gospel According to Matthew GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings, is for you to <u>take home</u> to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish. www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

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Epiphany - Year C

5th January, 2025

The 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

Prayer after 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.

Amen.

A reading from the book of 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Holy Trinity Bulletin 5th January, 2025

The Epiphany

CONTACT DETAILS	Services Today	PRAYERS	NOTICES
Vicar: Vacancy until April 2025 Associate Priest: The Revd Jos Perris 07979 590480 josperris@hotmail.com The Churchwardens: Terry Perry 07748 555333 terjperry@aol.com Beverley Burgess 07954 141188 beverleyburgess3@icloud.com Team Administrator: Sue Bassett. Office open 8.30 - 12.30 Mon to Fri. 01923 266596 or 07503 950315 or info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk Prayer of preparation Spirit of God, come among us, work within us. Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness. Cleanse us and make us new. Touch us and make us whole. Receive our worship in Jesus' name. Amen	8am BCP Eucharist Rev'd Atalie Gaines	 for the Ministry Team and especially for the Rev'd James McDonald and Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton. for the sick: King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Eileen Adams, Jim Adams, Pat Brown, Barbara Chapman, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts and Su. for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Barbara Batten, Tony Coley, Yvonne Holt and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all whose may me. 	
	10.00am Parish Eucharist		
	Presiding & PreachingRev'd Atalie GainesHymns NEH Communion47, 48, 50,4952,306		Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton, will be leading our retreat at Pleshey on the theme "Trusting God through Change". Further information and
	Junior Miles Cooksey		Food Park Plagso support this important
	This Week at Holy Trinity		resource. Non perishable, in date food
	Monday 6th January 7.30pm CA Meeting		
	Tuesday 7th January 7.15pm Events Committee Meeting		
	Wednesday 8th January 2025 10am Morning Service	who mourn.	
	2pm Craft Group 7.30pm PCC Meeting	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Holy Trinity church is open everyday for private prayer and reflection from 10.00am to 4.00pm.	Thursday 9th January 10am Toddlers Church Friday 10th January	Saturday 18th January - 7.30pm ☆ our dearly departed members of our ☆ Just A Cappella and BURP ☆ Church family and friends who are Tickets cost £15 and are available from ☆ sadly missed. Please keep them in Gillian 07770874744. Save the date! ☆ your hearts and prayers.	
	7pm Choir Practice		
Children from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join the Junior Church which meets in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! They go out to JC after the Collect prayer and re- turn for Communion. There is a children's corner for tots at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are available through the Trinity Room.	Saturday 11th January 10am-12 Coffee Shop	_ Sunday 19th January - Christingle	
	Díd you know?	All Age Service - there will be a collection for the Childrens' Society during this Service.	
	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		
Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.	Sunday 12 th January Baptism of Christ 10.00am Parish Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7		
	Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22		Items to be included in the Bulletin:

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