



# WELCOME

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## EPIPHANY

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### HYMNS

Introit	40
Gradual	869
Offertory	724
Communion	Solo Anthem: Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar + St G Singers
Recessional	480



### COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

### FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Brian, Kathy, Jewel, Beverley, Wendy, Ted, Valerie, Ben,  
John, Marie

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: John Vennard, Ellis Bainbridge

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Our recent survey indicated a desire from about 10 members of the congregation for a new monthly study/ bible/discussion group.

Inevitably, there was no consensus over which day/time was preferred. Therefore, I have fairly arbitrarily plucked Thursday evenings out as a possible starting point.

Starting on **6 February**, I suggest we meet on the 1st Thursday at 19.30 in church.

Our first meeting will be a discussion about what we'd like to use as our starting subject and we might discuss the previous Sunday's sermon as well.

Please sign the list in the Foyer if you'd like to be part of this new venture.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE: DUNCAN PATTERSON-BANKS

Many of you will remember Duncan who died in December 2023. We will be holding a memorial service for him on **Sunday 2 February at 16:00**. If there's anything you'd like to share for that service, please speak to Richard.



## JANUARY LUNCH CLUB

This will be **Wednesday 29 January**.  
Sign up list available now!

## NEW SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

In the New Year we will be starting a monthly evening service in the style of the Taizé Community.

We will begin on **Sunday 9 February at 18.00.**

It would be lovely to gather a group of musicians to play at these services. Please speak to Richard if you'd like to contribute.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### ***Monday 6 January***

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

### ***Tuesday 7 January***

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

### ***Wednesday 8 January***

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

### ***Saturday 11 January***

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

### ***Sunday 12 January***

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Thursday 6 February 2025***

Church: 19:30 - Discussion Group

## NT: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,<sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,<sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.<sup>5</sup> 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:<sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> 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<sup>[a]</sup> from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to pay him homage.'<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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<sup>[d]</sup> my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> 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.'<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,<sup>[f]</sup> until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[g]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.