



# WELCOME

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## EPIPHANY

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### HYMNS

Introit	40
Gradual	869
Offertory	724
Communion	<i>Solo Anthem:</i>
<i>Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar</i>	
+ St G Singers	
Recessional	641



### 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:** Tony, Samantha, Maria, Richard, S., Trevor

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** John Vennard, Duncan Patterson-Banks, Ellis Bainbridge

## **JANUARY LUNCH CLUB**

Our next meeting will be

**Wednesday 7 January 2026.**

Sign up list available now!



## **FILM NIGHT**

From January 2026, the Film group meeting will move to the last Tuesday of each month. Next meeting, **27 January 2026**, to discuss *First Cow*.

## **BURNS NIGHT—24 JANUARY!**

Put the date in your diary and we will need all the usual helpers so let us know if you can help.

## HEALING AT TUESDAY EUCHARISTS

On the first Tuesday of the month, our 10:30 eucharist will be a healing service. At which the laying on of hands and anointing will be offered. Our next one is this week, **Tuesday 6 January**.



## REFLECTIVE EVENING PRAYER

Our monthly evening service is the second Sunday of the month. Our next one is **Sunday 11 January 2026** at 18:00.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### ***Monday 5 January***

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

### ***Tuesday 6 January***

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

**Church: 10:30 - Healing Service**

### ***Wednesday 7 January***

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

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

### ***Saturday 10 January***

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Studio: 14:30 - 15:30 - Outside group

### ***Sunday 11 January***

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

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

Church: 18:00 - Reflective Prayer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Saturday 24 January***

**Hall: 18:30 - Burns Night**

### ***Tuesday 27 January***

Church: 19:30 - Film Group

### ***Tuesday 3 February***

Church: 10:30 - Healing Service

### ***Wednesday 4 February***

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

### ***Sunday 8 February***

Church: 18:00 - Reflective Prayer

## **NT: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 (GNT)**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God.

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard that God in his grace has given me this work to do for your good.

<sup>3</sup> God revealed his secret plan and made it known to me. (I have written briefly about this,

<sup>4</sup> and if you will read what I have written, you can learn about my understanding of the secret of Christ.) <sup>5</sup> In past times human beings were

not told this secret, but God has revealed it now by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I was made a servant of the gospel by God's special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> I am less than the least of all God's people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, <sup>10</sup> in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms. <sup>11</sup> God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence.



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (GNT)**

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king.

Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

<sup>5</sup> "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote:

<sup>6</sup> 'Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means the least of the  
leading cities of Judah;  
for from you will come a leader  
who will guide my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9-10</sup> And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

<sup>11</sup> They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.