

Diary for the coming Week

Mon 8th	9.30am	No Morning Prayer
Tues 9th	9.30am	No Morning Prayer
Wed 10th	9.30am 2.15pm	No Morning Prayer Chat & Craft
Thurs 11th	9.30am	No Morning Prayer/Eucharist
Frid 12th	10.00	Prayer Group

Next Sunday 14th January 2018

Baptism of Christ

8am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Birthdays : Jonathan Towse

Departed: Doris Price

Anniversary of death : Norma Wallace & Percival

Parsons

Sick: Doris Anderson, Lily Hayward (11), Charlotte, Beryl Giles, Martin Rollinson, Ann Smith, Richard, Graham Bryant, Peter Taylor, John Yaxley, Andrew Penwarden, Ralph Budd, Camilla, Della, Roger, Archie Morton, Peter Armstrong

Long Term Sick & Frail: Fr Nigel, Alan Williams, Lee Reeve, Jean Poplett, John Gostling, Betty Hayler, Barbara Greenshields, Peggy weeks, Gill Tourbay, Nadia, Little Mollie, Elizabeth Greaves, Petronella, Joyce Ablett, John Haddon, Dilys Walker, Margaret Hotston, Penny Enfield, Chaz & Sally, Wendy O'Neill, Eileen Harmer, Yvonne Denton, Sheila Calloway, Dulcie Littlechild, Kathleen Bushnell-Wye

Notices

Lent is fast approaching so there is a list at the back of church for the coming years course. The days will be Monday afternoons in hall or Thursday evenings at 27 Kelmscott Way Bognor.

Magazine for January is now in the porch. Get your copy before they all go.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

Genesis 1.1-5

Psalm 29/Acts 19.1-7

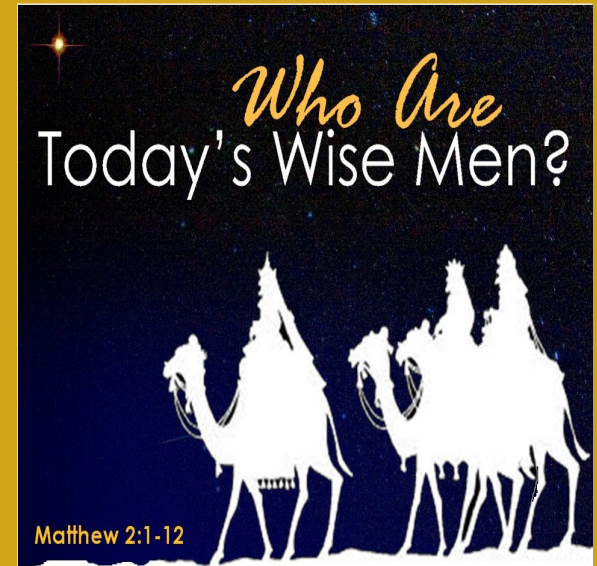
Mark 1.4-11

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January 7th 2018

HOLY CROSS

Epiphany Sunday Bulletin



Matthew 2.1-12

Welcome to Holy Cross Church
If you are a visitor or new to the area,
please make yourself known to the
Sidespeople, Church Wardens or
Presiding Priest.

Refreshments are served in the Hall
after the 10.30am Eucharist

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.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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. *Isaiah 60.1-6*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 72.10-15

R: Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from Ephesians

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.

Ephesians 3.1-12

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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*. *Matthew 2.1-12*

All 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**