

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The Epiphany 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: 49 Brightest and best

The Opening Prayer

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 *The Ingathering of the Dispersed*

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.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-11

May all nations be blest in him

R/

Give the king your judgements, O God,

and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people. **R/**

May he defend the poor among the people,

deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another. **R/**

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,

like the showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish,

and abundance of peace

till the moon shall be no more. **R/**

May his dominion extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes kneel before him

and his enemies lick the dust. **R/**

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/**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

The Anthem: Kings of Orient *arr David Willcocks*

The Final Hymn: 47 As with gladness men of old

The Organ Voluntary: Epilogue of Dix *William Harris*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Jim Hurst and Rebecca Hindle
Lessons	Louis Bell
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sheila Croton, Sue Hockley and Louis Bell
Acolytes	Tania Tindall and Peter Fernandez
Chalice	Gill Aitchison and Geoffrey Taylor
Coffee	Lavinia Southern and Jan Rowland

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

This Week

Mon 7	
Tues 8	<i>No Julian Group</i>
Wed 9	Aliquando Choir Practice 7.30pm (CH)
Thurs 10	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 11	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM) Church Helpers Thank you Party 6.00pm (CH)
Sat 12	Marriage Blessing 6.00pm (SN) Edward Chilvers in Concert 7.30pm (SM)

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday January 13 ~ The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (SN)

Please pray for

The Church:

*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate
The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Bishop of Aotearora and Primate
The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate*

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer, Kathryn, Henry, Margaret

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

*Joe Salter, Dorothy Fisher (7), Eric Fletcher (8), William Bradshaw (9),
Ernest Chapman (10), Pauline Parrott (11)*

Those whose marriage is to be blessed this week:

David & Genevieve Read

Notices for the week beginning 6 January

A big Thank you to the members of the choir who sang outside Waitrose on the 23 December in aid of the Children's Society. They raised £230 which is fabulous and much appreciated.

Sidesmen, readers, intercessors, coffee helpers, servers, please could you let the parish office know any dates you are unavailable during February, March and April in preparation for the next duty rota.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

On Sunday February 17 there will be a united benefice confirmation service with Bishop Colin at 10.30am at St Mary's. Please speak to Fr Jeremy if you would like to be confirmed.

Outstanding pianist and ground-breaking composer Edward Chilvers is coming to St Mary's on Saturday 12 January (7.30-10pm). International Piano said of Eddie's debut CD '12 Etudes': "...intriguing...involving...fascinating resonances abound....all are superbly played by the composer." Eddie's Etudes have also been played on Radio 3. For tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/editionuk or call Steve 0771 228 2182.

Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm

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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day.

Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.