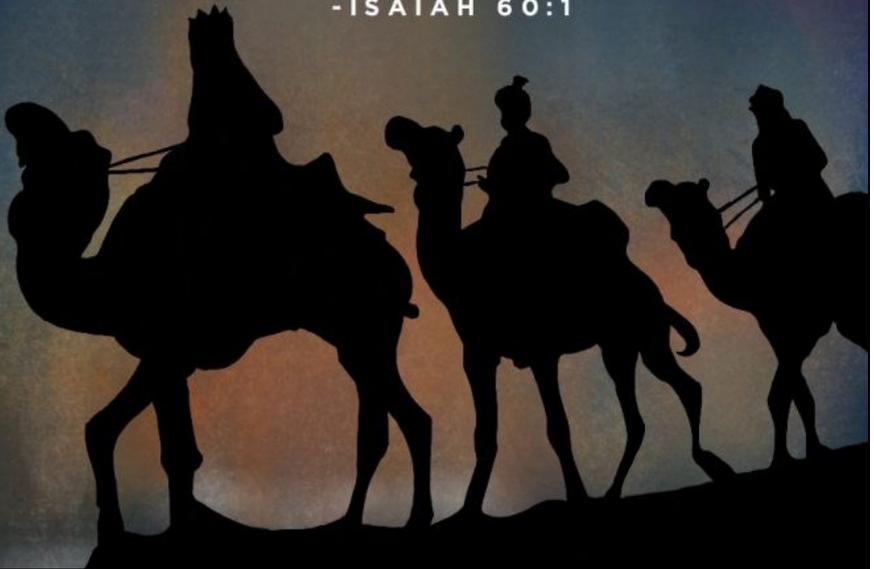


Epiphany

"ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE
LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU."

-ISAIAH 60:1



Connect News

Sunday 8th January - a celebration of the Epiphany

The Welcome

We meet in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord, as we gather for worship at the start of this new year

help us to be like the shepherds

and receive your message of good news of great joy

help us to be like the Angels of heaven

and sing of your glory and praise

help us to be like the wisemen

to seek you, to bow before you, and worship you with our gifts

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Let us arise and shine; for our light has come,

the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Hymn

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain

Moor and mountain

Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night

Star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding

Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain

Gold I bring to crown Him again

King for ever, ceasing never

Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I

Incense owns a Deity nigh

Prayer and praising, all men raising

Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes

A life of gathering gloom

Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying

Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Heaven to earth replies

Prayer of Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who laid down his life that we might have life
So let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect:

**Eternal God, who led wise men to worship your Son,
guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

A reading adapted from Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of East bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and those in need,
and saves the lives of those who face the grave.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious are they in his sight.

Hymn **KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,**
God of Heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at Your throne,
Your Majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve. I live to serve Your Majesty.

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!
Your Majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve. I live to serve Your Majesty.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. After having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers for today

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace and goodwill to all.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace
The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn **AS WITH GLADNESS men of old**

Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun, which goes not down.
There forever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

Offertory Prayer

As wisemen presented their gifts
and bowed down to worship the Lord
so we come and bow before you our Lord and Saviour

**O Lord the light of nations
we present to you our gifts
declaring that all things come from you
and of your own we give you.
Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because you have redeemed our time
and have given us this new year of grace
to proclaim your favour
and celebrate your steadfast love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the birth of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us,
and lived for a time among us, that we might for ever live with you.

Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross.
When you exalted him on the third day,
and bestowed on him the name above all names,
he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children,
and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new
creation, we enter into our heritage**

**in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine of communion

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of entering into the new covenant always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and throughout this year.

Amen

Hymn **HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED**, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, His changeless name of Love.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name Christ Amen

Some Key dates and activities for 2023

Key diary dates

Ash Wednesday	22nd February marks the beginning of Lent Morning Service 10am St Leonard's Evening Service 7.30pm St Mary's
Mothering Sunday	19th March
Palm Sunday	2nd April, beginning of Holy Week
Easter Sunday	9th April
Spring Harvest	10-14th Peter and others away
Pentecost	28th May
Harvest	Sunday 1st of October

Regular Events and Activities

1st Saturday of the Month	Coffee at St Mary's 10.30 –12Noon
Last Saturday of the Month	Messy Church 4-6pm
1st Tuesday of the Month	Pet Food Bank

Home Groups & Fellowship meet fortnightly

Monday Home Group	-	Contact Andrew Watt
Tuesday Home Group	-	Contact Vicki Clark
Fellowship Group	-	Contact Ann Mackay
Reflections Group	-	Contact Margaret McMeekin
Link Book Group	-	Contact Vicki Clark / John Fleming
Pastoral Co-ordinators	-	Noreen Grieve for St Mary's - Joy Mooney for St Leonard's
St Leonard's Vestry		Usually meets 2nd Wednesday of Month
St Mary's Vestry		Usually meets 2nd Sunday of Month

Messy Church
Last Saturday of the Month
4 to 6pm with crafts, story,
songs and a meal.



What's God Like?

Over the next few sessions we will be exploring the question What is God like?
Come and find out more

Saturday 28th January 4-6pm



Messy Church Planning Meeting Tuesday 7.30pm

If you would like to help us plan the activities for our next Messy Church then join with us at the Rectory on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm



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