

St Giles' Church, Exhall

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Please stay for tea & coffee after all services
(and mince pies after 530pm!)

This week ...

	SUNDAY 7th JANUARY 2018 - EPIPHANY
8am	Holy Communion
9.30AM	All Age Holy Communion
11.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Christmas & Epiphany Praise
7pm	Emmaus Group - Vicarage
	Monday 8th
1pm	Funeral of Roy Standing - Church
2pm	Service at Haven Nursing Home
7.30pm	PCC Meeting - Small Hall
7.30pm	Home Group - 103 Coventry Road
	Tuesday 9th
10-12noon	Foodbank open - Bedworth Baptist Church
1pm	Over 50's Club - Main Hall
7pm	Cross Stitch Group - Small Hall
7pm	Prayer Group - Church
7.30pm	Home Group - Vicarage
	Wednesday 10th
9.30am	Parent & Toddler Group - Main Hall
10am	Midweek Holy Communion - Church
	Thursday 11th
9.30am	Parent & Toddler Group - Main Hall
12.30 - 2.30pm	Foodbank open - The Little Chapel, Bulkington Road, Bedworth
12noon	Funeral of Ivy Benfield - Church
2pm	Service at Fairfield Nursing Home
7pm	Bell ringing practice
	Friday 12th
12.30 - 2pm	Foodbank at Bedworth Heath Community Centre
7pm	Choir practice
	SUNDAY 14th JANUARY
8am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
11.30am	All Age Service with Busy Little Hands
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
7pm	Emmaus Group - Vicarage

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Today's Readings

8am	Isaiah 60. 1-6	Chrissie Hughes	Matthew 2. 1-12	Phil Jones
9.30am	Isaiah 60. 1-6	Hannah Edwards	Matthew 2. 1-12	Cynthia Cogley
11.30am			Matthew 2. 1-12	June Edwards
5.30pm	Christmas and Epiphany Praise (separate sheet)			

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 'Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2. 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi 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. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

ESSENTIAL WORKS IN CHURCHYARD

This week (7th - 12th Jan) there will be some essential drainage works being carried out in the churchyard / and on pathways. Please take notice of any temporary signage if you plan to visit the church or churchyard during this time.

This weeks' notices

Volunteers needed NOW!

- ◆ After School Club starting Monday afternoons from 15th January - this will be to share Bible stories in conjunction with a local school.
- ◆ Emptying the bins around churchyards once a month.
- ◆ Joining the rota for cleaning and hoovering inside church
- ◆ Youth Café will be running one afternoon per week (during term time) from early February. Could you help with tea and snacks? Or lend an ear and chat to some local young people?

Please speak to Cynthia, Jen or Andrew if you are interested in being involved in any of these.

FOODBANK URGENT NEEDS:

Tea bags (40's), coffee (100g), fruit juice, jam, squash, custard & UHT Milk .

Thank you for your continued support of the Foodbank. Our donations are vital to help give everyone referred to the Foodbank a balanced and nutritious supply of food.

Have you noticed someone missing from church recently? Do you know someone who can't get to church?

Or someone might like a visit at home?

Our PASTORAL CARE TEAM are ready to visit anyone, at home or hospital. Contact Viv Hopkins Tel: 7664 5161 / Alison (office) 76368008

WORK PARTY - Saturday 20th January @ 9.30am. Please sign up to help.

We can save hundreds of pounds by doing some basic maintenance on church and halls ourselves. Please sign up to join with the team for the next work party. Weather permitting we will have a bonfire!

The coffee and doughnuts will be good too !

PRAYER PAGE

PRAYERS and VISITING

Someone's name to add to the prayer list? Someone in hospital who would like a visit? Please contact **Alison in the church office 7636 8008.**

The PRAYER CHAIN

If you need prayer urgently or in an emergency, call **Sue on 7636 8257** who will pass your request through the chain and praying for you will begin.
Or if you know someone else who does ...

Pray for God's healing and peace for ...

John Hartshorn, Albert Atkins, Barrie Richardson, Charlie, Lisa, Margaret Bennett, Rosemary Little, Brian Hawkes, Doug Leighton, Karen White, Martin Kearns, Margaret Wagstaff, John Rhodes, Jan Leivers, Janine, Elliott Cox (still receiving treatment)

Those who mourn for

Kathleen Flavell, Sarah Maloney, Ivy Benfield, Roy Standing, Norma Collier and Peter Dronfield.

For our prayers this week..

- The magi came from the east: give thanks for the world-wide church, and pray especially for those in danger or facing persecution
- Jesus received the gift of gold, for he came to be king: pray for his kingdom to come with peace and justice, especially where there is threat or conflict and oppression today
- The Epiphany story also features a brutal merciless king. Pray that we will have rulers in this land and elsewhere with the wisdom and qualities they need to lead effectively and govern for the good of all people.
- The Holy Family lived in exile as refugees: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, on all who seek security and protection. Pray for people traffickers to be found and brought to justice.
- Eventually, Jesus shared the life of a home and family at Nazareth: pray for what is needed to support and strengthen relationships and families in our communities, and those who struggle with loneliness.

Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star revealed 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 our Lord,

AMEN

Post Communion

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.

AMEN