

**NEXT SUNDAY 13 JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY 2**

Readings: Acts 8. 14-17
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 10 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...
- 10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE
Led by Rev'd Claire and the All
Age Team
- 11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 7 January

Ps 99; Isa 63: 7-end; 1 John ch3

Tuesday 8 January

1 John 4: 7-10; Ps 72: 1-8; Mark 6: 34-44
M.U. Corporate, 10.30 am Communion, Rev'd
Marisa Cockfield

Wednesday 9 January

Ps 148; Isa 65: 1-16; 1 John 5: 1-12

Thursday 10 January

Ps 149; Isa 65: 17-end; 1 John 5: 13-end

Friday 11 January

Ps 150; Isa 66: 1-11; 2 John

Saturday 12 January

Ps 96; Isa 66: 12-23; 3 John
8 am Prayers

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Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY**

WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee after
the service—we would love to chat with you.

If you don't normally take
communion but would like God's blessing,
please come up to the altar rail holding this
bulletin. Alcohol free wine is available at the
10 am service: please go to the right
hand side of the altar and then ask the
chalice administrator. Gluten free
wafers are also available on request.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am and 10 am
services is Rev'd Leigh Winsbury.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm.

It is with sadness today that we say our
farewells to Leigh and Lynn. As a Church
congregation we have benefitted so much from
Leigh's faith, humour, witness and leadership.

Lynn too has contributed greatly to our Church
over the years with her steadfast support,
hospitality and care. We will really miss them.

We say 'goodbye' but with a confidence and
assurance that God will be with Leigh and Lynn
in their new adventures and will continue to
provide for us as we put our hand in His in this
New Year. Thank you to all those who have
contributed to Leigh and Lynn's parting gift, and
to those of you who have made this Epiphany
Service very special. You're generosity is
wonderful! As we start this new Year lets be
'strong and very courageous!' (Joshua 1) as we
seek to do God's Will together.

There will be a bring and share lunch following
the 10 am service today to celebrate Leigh and
Lynn's time with us so please stay if you can.

God bless, Revd Claire

CHRISTMAS CARDS—There are still lots of Christmas cards left in the pigeon holes at the back of church. Please can everyone check for uncollected cards.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **Cake and Communion tomorrow, 7 Jan at 3 for 3.30 pm at Jean Stewart's.**
- ⇒ **Bookworms, Mon 21 January** at Maggie's when we will be looking at Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont by Elizabeth Taylor.
- ⇒ **Rev'd Leigh's Licensing Service, 7 pm on Wednesday 23 Jan, at St John the Baptist Church, Hatherleigh.**
- ⇒ **Deepening Prayer, 2.30 pm on Tues 22 Jan at the Quaker House.**

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Torridge Hill, Tower Street
Tuesday: Trafalgar Place, Union Close
Wednesday: Upcott Hill, Valley View
Thursday: Torridge View, Model Terrace
Friday: Victoria Grove, Victoria Terrace
Saturday: Water Park Road, Warren View

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day, Cynthia Ettling, Tyler Hooper, Graham and Karel Johnston, Eileen King, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, David Sharp, Kevin Smith, Phyllis Ward, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

Please remember the souls of the departed, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 7 3 for 3.30 pm Cake and Communion, Jean Stewart's
Tues 8 7.30 pm Parish Prayer
Wed 9 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers returns
Mon 14 12 for 12.30 pm Mothers' Union New Year Lunch at Royal Hotel
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
7.30 pm PCC
Tues 15 2.30 pm Reflections
7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 16 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Thank You ...

MAJESTY, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto His own,
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

CLOSING HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ,
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name.

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia, here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day;
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne;
Thou within the veil hath entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain
To reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship You alone.

THERE IS A REDEEMER,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit —
Till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Thank You ...

ENTRANCE 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
Led by You for ever be.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Your lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
You whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with one accord,
Seek forgiveness from our Lord.

As they offered gifts most rare
Gold and frankincense and myrrh,
So may we cleansed from our sin,
Lives of service now begin,
As in love our treasures bring,
Christ, to You 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 Your glory hide.

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

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

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

GRADUAL HYMN

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless,
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes,
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "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."'⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.' ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

OFFERTORY HYMN

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS
His the sceptre, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?