

Christmas 2
Epiphany Sunday
3rd January, 2010

TODAY

- 5.30p.m. Choir practice at St Alban's
6.30p.m. **Epiphany Carol Service** at St Alban's - the 3rd of our Carol Services (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany), completing our reflections in differing ways on the coming, birth and light of Christ. Followed by refreshments.

THIS WEEK

- Mon 2.00p.m. Holy Communion at Queen Elizabeth Court. All welcome
5.00p.m. Evening Prayer at St Alban's
Wed 9.00a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9.30a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's
Fri 9.00a.m. Morning Prayer at St Alban's today
9.30a.m. Holy Communion at St Alban's followed by refreshments in the Community Room

- 10.15a.m. Friday Coffee Pot and Credit Union at St Alban's. All welcome
- 10.15a.m. Magazine Committee meets in the Community Room at St Alban's.
- 2.00p.m. Covenant Committee meets at the Methodist Church for a Beetle Drive.
- 7.00p.m. Parish Trip to the Nuffield Theatre to see Wind in the Willows preceded by tea at the Vicarage at 5.30p.m.. See Notes and News for details.

NEXT SUNDAY

Baptism Of Christ

READINGS for next week : Isaiah 43:1-7, Ps. 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- 8.00a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00a.m. **Sung Eucharist** at St Alban's
- 10.30a.m. **Sung Eucharist** at St Mary's.
- 6.30p.m. Evensong at St Alban's

NOTES AND NEWS

THANK YOU everyone who has contributed in any way to the preparations for our Christmas Services - a huge amount is done by cleaners, sidespeople, flower arrangers, musicians, servers, Churchwardens, readers, clergy and others - all is much appreciated. *Also*, to those who organised and supported the Christmas Day Lunch arranged by the Covenant of Churches at Bassett Green Court - also much appreciated

WIND IN THE WILLOWS - The parish trip to see the Wind in the Willows at the Nuffield will be on Friday 8th January. The performance starts at 7pm and is preceded by a bring and share tea at the Vicarage at 5.30p.m.. There are just a few tickets left. Please see Ruth Lever for details.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK - is being performed by Westfield Productions at The Point, Eastleigh on Thursday 14th January at 7.30p.m. Come and support our Scout Leader who is playing the Dame! Tickets cost £7. Transport can be arranged. Contact Jenny Hales on 023 8055 6171.

LAY PASTORS - Our next meeting is on Monday, 11th January, 11.00 at the Vicarage. *If anyone else* is interested in joining our excellent team of Lay Pastors, please have a word with Gary or one of the Lay Pastors.

SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS - We encourage use of the alcoholic rub provided as you enter the Church, and at any later point you wish to use it. Please speak to one of the Clergy if you have any concerns.

E-MAIL PEW SHEET - Would you like to receive this Pew Sheet by e-mail each week? If so, send a message to Julie in the Office at Swaythling.Parish@tiscali.co.uk and she will send you a pdf copy.

The Parish Website is: www.swaythlingparish.org.uk

The Vicar is: The Revd Canon Gary Philbrick - 023 8055 4231

SOME ENGAGEMENTS FROM THE VICAR'S DIARY THIS WEEK.

In addition to the events listed above, please pray for:

Tuesday evening, meeting of the Council of Faiths in the Community Room at St Alban's.

Saturday morning, rehearsal at St Michael's, Bassett for the Licensing of the new Priest-in-Charge there.

READINGS FOR TODAY
- and for you to use during the Week

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COLLECT:

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's
end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

**A Reading from the Book of
the Prophet Isaiah**

Isaiah 60.1-6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 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. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 72

A: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

- B: All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
- A: For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- B: He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- A: He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- B: long may he live,
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia,
- All: **May prayer be made for him always,
and may they bless him all the day long.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3.1-12

1 I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles -
2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace
that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known
to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of
which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery
of Christ. 5 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: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-
heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. 7 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. 8 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, 9 and to make everyone see what is the
plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10
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. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose
that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have
access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

An acclamation heralds the Gospel, to which all reply:

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. (St Alban's)

Alleluia, alleluia. (St Mary's)

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2.1-12

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 2 '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

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sing:

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. (St Alban's)

Alleluia, alleluia. (St Mary's)

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Eucharistic Prayer: Special

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.**