



- 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles ' shall give ' presents : the kings of Arabia and ' Saba ' shall bring ' gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall ' down be ' fore him : all ' nations shall ' do him ' service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor ' when he ' crieth : the needy also and ' him that ' hath no ' helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the ' simple and ' needy : and shall pre- ' serve the ' souls of the ' poor.
- 14 He shall deliver their souls from ' falsehood and ' wrong : and dear shall their ' blood be ' in his ' sight.
- 15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the ' gold of A'rabia · prayer shall be made ever unto him and ' daily shall ' he be ' praised.

*We remain seated for the concluding doxology: **Glory be to the Father and 'to the 'Son : and 'to the 'Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and 'ever 'shall be : world without 'end. 'A'men***

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 1-12– Lillian**

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

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 2: 1-12 – James**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> 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."<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:<sup>6</sup> '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.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod

secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> 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."<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **INTERCESSIONS - Craig**

#### **We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:**

*Sharon, Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Paulina Larios, Sally and Katharine, Allen, Tracey and Ann Davis, David, Milton Findlay, Clifford, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Sally, Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Janine H, John J, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Veronica Vernon, Pauline Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King, the Princess of Wales and Bishop Christopher*

#### **We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the soul** of Lloyd McLeggan, and all those we have loved and lost.

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**

### **PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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*For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar*

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<b>Today</b>	<b>10am – The Epiphany - Fr Andrew Wilson Presiding and Preaching</b>
<b>Wed 8 January</b>	<b>10 am No Midweek Service - Holy Communion resumes Wed 15 Jan</b>
<b>Sat 11 Jan</b>	<b>10:30am – Holy Dusters 2pm-4pm – Mix and Mingle – Tai Chi</b>
<b>Sun 12 Jan</b>	<b>10am – Baptism of Christ - Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching</b>

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**Sun 23 Feb 2025**      **Children and Holy Communion:** If you have a primary school child who will be aged seven or older this academic year, and you would like them to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Vicar. There will be a series of short preparation classes after the Sunday Eucharist next year (**9 and 16 Feb**) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 23 Feb 2025**.

**Adults and teenagers – Confirmation:** Do you have a growing sense that you would like to make a public commitment to your Christian Faith? In the Church of England this traditionally takes place at a Confirmation Service presided over by the Bishop. If you have not already been Confirmed, and are interested in doing so, please speak to or email the Vicar

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