

Welcome to



St. John the Baptist, Midsomer Norton
Epiphany 1 06.01.2019

8.00 am **Said Mass**
9.30 am **Sung Mass**

Children: there are books & toys at the back of church and in the Tower
Intercessions today led by David Moore

Please Pray For:

The Residents of :- St Chads Avenue, St Chads Green & Park Way.

The Sick: Rachael Macfarlane, Rhoda, David, Evan & Annie Dwyer, David Hickmott, Robert Coleman, Judy Flook, Claire Coulthard, Paul & Donna Strudwick, Miranda Cooper, Rose Stenner, Barbara Bush, Paul & Margaret Knott, Graham & Jeanette Knott, Eric Mitchard, Irene Leet, Tony Pearce, Faye McDermott, Elvira Gibbs, Pam Cox, Gwen Downes, Andrew Burgin, Daniel Guiney, Margaret Williams, Ann Hatton, Rob Gilliland, Aden, Arthur Powell, Valerie Lovell, Rowan Parfitt, Gerrard Monks, Faith & Jon, Trevor & Elizabeth Bell, John Montanno, Robert Briggs, Jack Barnfield, Fr Matthew Street, Kieth Ryall.

Years Mind:(S) Mary Robinson (T) Winifred Davis, Beatrice Hill, Olive Sobey (W) Harold Stenner, Sam Clark, Elizabeth Hurley, Richmond James (T) Doris Maggs (F) Herbert Thomas (S) Sam Brooks, Ethel Charlton.

Hymn: 84

The 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.

A reading from Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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. 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gradual Hymn: 85

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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, 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.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“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.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.’ 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn: 86

Communion Hymn: 74

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.

Recessional Hymn: 83

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 07 January
TUESDAY 08 January

10.30 am - 11.45 pm Coffee in Church
12 Noon Said Mass
2.30 pm Mothers Union
7.30 pm Bell Practice

WEDNESDAY 09 January

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

THURSDAY 10 January

5.00 pm Said Mass
7.30 pm Ladies Group

FRIDAY 11 January

6.30 pm Choir Practice
7.00 pm 'Calendar Girls' film & supper.

SATURDAY 12 January S Aelred of Rievaulx

9.00 am Said Mass

Foodbank - Urgently needed: Instant Mashed Potato, Children's Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Tomato Sauce and Cleaning Products.