

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Pew Sheet for Epiphany, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021, 10.30 am

on Zoom, ID 675-014-6024, Password 859013

## Opening Hymn & Call to worship:

### Kyrie Confession:

God be gracious to us & bless us & make your face shine upon us. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.** May your ways be known upon earth, your saving power among nations. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** You Lord have made known your salvation, & reveal your justice to all. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Amen. **Absolution.**

**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. **All Amen.**

**First Reading: (Ephesians 3: 1-12)** 1I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - 2for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5In 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: 6that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7Of 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. 8Although 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, 9and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10so 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. 11This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

**Singing of 'Alleluia':** "We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage".

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. All: Glory to you O Lord.*

### **Gospel Reading: (Matthew 2: 1-12)**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you O Lord.*

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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Homily - Revd Anne Hoad**

**Prayers**

**The Peace & Offertory Hymn**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Blessing & Closing Hymn**

***A very happy, healthy and bless New Year to you and your loved ones!***

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**Notices.**

**Seasonal Homilies.** *These can be accessed via the Church What's App groups, the website and the St Andrew's Facebook page. Archbishop Justin's New Year message can be viewed via the parish website.*

**Children's Society Boxes**

*Iris Miller would like to thank everyone for their support with the Children's Society Boxes. We raised the magnificent sum of £600.40, an increase on last year and so appreciated in these difficult times. Well done to everyone and thank you all for your continued support. If you wish to donate to the Children's Society, the link is: [\\_https://thyg.uk/CUS048152](https://thyg.uk/CUS048152)*

**Service for the New Year and Epiphany 2,** *Sunday 10th January, 2021, 10.30 am, on Zoom.*

**Mottingham Foodbank.** *Provisions for the food bank may be donated Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat 9.30 am – 1 pm, and Wed 6-7 pm at St Edward's Church Hall. Warm thanks to all who helped with packing and delivering Christmas Hampers.*

**Prayers for the sick:** *John Potts, Eddie Green, Brian Abbot, Pip Bampton, Jackie Ungar, Tom Biro, Christiana Ajiuya, Fiona Bailey-Sylvester, Rachel Stevens, Roger Welch, Roz Ware, Chloe Sissons & Norman Woodard.*

**We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends** *In particular Hanna Hanbury, Jean Robbie, Anjali Walker, Merle Holley, Janet Porter, Gary Brace and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*