

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

INTERCESSIONS

The Sick: Please pray for healing and comfort for all who are sick including Paul Brearley, baby Chloe, Ben Chaplin and Reg Harrison

Together with those who have lit candles, we pray for: John, Janice, Amy-Jo and Zeik,

The Departed: We remember those who have recently died, including Tom Evans (Priest), Annie Jane Sellers and Topsy Clinch, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Joan Roberftson, Agnes (Peggy) Maxwell and Wilfrid Coggill (Priest)

Wednesday, 6th January

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer following the 10.00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

A New Year Social Buffet ...

... will be held on **Sunday, 10th January 2010** (after the Church Service at 12 noon) in the Parish Hall, Hallgarth. Faith Buffet ~ please bring savoury food only. Mulled wine & orange will be provided. Musical entertainment performed by Guest Singers.

Tickets available from Pat & Brian Stockley. ~ ~ FREE ADMISSION

Thank you ...

... to **everyone** who helped in **any** way to make this year's Christmas Tree Festival yet another success.

Judy Short

LOST !! One wheelchair

This was donated to the church by Pickering Rotary Club but disappeared some time during 2009. If you have borrowed it, please return it as soon as possible or, if you have any information as to its whereabouts, please let one of the churchwardens know.

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Sunday, 3rd January 2010
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

At 8am the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Epiphany will be found in the Prayer Book . At 10am we use the printed Order of Service with the following Prayers, Psalm & Readings.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY

Sunday, 3rd January *Epiphany Sunday*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Lockton
6.00 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday, 6th January

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order 2)
followed by
Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

Thursday, 10th January

10.30 a.m. Service at Orchard Close

Sunday, 10th January *Baptism of Christ*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Levisham
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
11.30 a.m. Family Service
6.00 p.m. Evensong

All our visitors are warmly invited to join the regular congregation for coffee after the 10 o'clock service.

Until further notice the compilation of this pew sheet will be co-ordinated by Valerie Batchelor (Tel.475758) and Hazel Page (Tel.476915). Please let one of them have any notices for insertion by Wednesday of each week

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

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

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. 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. 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.

Psalm 72: 10-15



Response: 'May all na-tions be blest in him'

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba | shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall | down before him; all nations shall | do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor | that cry out, the needy and those who | have no helper. He shall have pity on the | weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives | of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppres | sion and violence, and dear shall their blood be | in his sight. Long may he live; unto him may be given | gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all | the day long. **R**

Second Reading: 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.

Gospel: 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.

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**

