

CALENDAR

Epiphany 6th January

9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) at Halton.
9.30am Parish Communion.
6.00pm Evening Prayer (said).

Wednesday 9th January

10.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Julian Group at Helga's

Thursday 10th January

10.00am Prayer Group.

Sunday 13th January

9.30am Parish Communion (CW).
3.00pm Messy Church: Help needed to set up, please, after the service
6.00pm Three Wonders Epiphany Service with Holy Communion and hymns

There will be no Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer this week.

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The Vicar will be taking some leave this week.

JULIAN PRAYER GROUP: This prayer group is dedicated to silent prayer and meets fortnightly on a Wednesday morning at 10am in either Barbara Mcnamara's or Helga Marshall's home. Beginning with some music the group then spends half an hour in private prayer followed by tea or coffee. No particular skill is required and the group is keen to welcome people from any denomination or none. Information will be in bulletin.

MESSY CHURCH: will be held on Sunday 13th January and our theme will be 'Belonging'. If you are able to help please let Linda or Louise know, we particularly need a team of 2 or 3 to serve up the tea which will have been prepared beforehand

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AGM & DINNER:

If you have not already returned your dinner form please can you do so asap. Thanks

FOODBANK: Thank you to all who supported the food bank by donating extra items over the holiday period.

THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE WITH HALTON & NEWTON HALL

Epiphany 6th January

You are most welcome to our service this morning, please stay and have coffee, juice, and biscuits.

Collect for Epiphany: 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 the book of the prophet 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.

A reading from the letter to the 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.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

(Matthew 2: 1 – 12)

We pray for:

The sick, especially:

- John & Liz Sykes, Nicholas Craig, John Graham, Anna & Ian Colquhoun, Christopher Cuthbert, Meg Humphreys.
- The family and friends of Joyce Bissett and Maurice Bennett
- Nightstop, StopGap and Reaching the Unreached – our charities for this year.

KEY AMNESTY: January is the time when we update our key register. If you have a cottage or church key please can you let the churchwardens know so that it can be accounted for on our key register. It is really important that the number of keys in circulation is limited, so if you are no longer in a role that requires you to have a key please can you let us have the key back. We will be carrying out our annual security review and will be looking at reducing the number of keys that are in circulation.

CAN YOU HELP?

PARISH NEWS: Each time the Parish News comes out we have paper copies to deliver. If you would be willing to deliver, please could you sign your name against the area on the list on the notice board, please. Thank you

SIDESPERSIONS: We are short of a team of 3, if you are able to help out please let Mike know. This duty would take place approx. every 10 weeks. Thanks.

PHOTOCOPYING ROTA: We would really appreciate two more people to help on the photocopying rota, if you are interested in helping please speak to Linda. Thanks

SERMONS: The Vicar posts his sermons on the church website.