



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
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THE (TRANSFERRED) SOLEMNITY
OF
THE LORD'S EPIPHANY
7 JANUARY 2018

Among Eastern Christians, this last part of the Season of Christmas is called the *Time of Manifestation* or *Showing*. To-day is the (transferred) *Feast of the Manifestation*, or the *Showing of the Saviour to all the nations of the world*. In the Wise Men, who come from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant, who is the new-born child in the manger. A look at the response to to-day's psalm shows this: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord*. The same is true of the key word in the second reading: *Revelation*. Remember that, for the people of Israel, this was to be their Messiah, who had come to restore their fortunes and give them freedom once again. By this feast, we proclaim that God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and of every place, including us here on the edge of London at the very start of the New Year. In many ways, this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the *Good News* of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.



There will be coffee in the Hall as usual after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist to-day. All are very welcome; perhaps you could include coming along to this gathering on a Sunday among one of your New-Year's resolutions! In any event, it would be very good to see you, even if you cannot stay for very long.

HYMNS AT 1000 (NEH & *NHWS)

Procession	52
Offertory	48
Communion	40
Post-Communion	336
Recessional	*277

Introit: The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his and government and power.

Collect Let us pray (*that we will be guided by the light of faith*): Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-6):
Above you, the glory of the Lord appears.



Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight, you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Responsorial Psalm (71/72): *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3 & 5-6): *This mystery has now been revealed: it means that pagans share henceforth the same inheritance.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12): *We saw his star in the east and have come to do the king homage.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having

listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and, going into the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.



The Epiphany Proclamation for AD2018 is read after the Gospel to-day; the sermon follows.

AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord, guide us by your light;
All: and bring us to your glory.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray: for our parish and for its needs; for a good keeping of our New Year's resolutions; for the pupils and staff of the (four) schools of our parish, now beginning a new school term; for those currently awaiting operations in our local hospitals; for those who will say no prayers to-day; for those whose difficulties we have failed to notice.

We commend to God our Father: **the sick, the housebound & others in any kind of trouble or need:** Ann & Peter Bennett, Mary Coleman & David Shears.

the recently departed: Maurice Coulter. **those whose anniversary falls at about this time:** Winifred Beere, Ronald Blake, Dorothy Bounden, Michael Garner, Ray Gates, Edmund Hounslow, John Longley, 'Rob' Robertson & Natalie Sarah Thomas.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends & those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Mungo, S Hilary (of Poitiers) & all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

HYMNS (NEH) THIS EVENING AT 6 O'CLOCK, when we also process to the crib.

- 1. 47
- 2. 49
- 3. 55
- 4. 50

Psalm 72:6-15

FORTHCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- 1. **The Eucharist at All Saints' this week:**
 - a. Tuesday, 9 January; 1430: *Feria* in Ordinary Time; **at Ryefield Court**
 - b. Wednesday, 10 January; 1000: *Feria* in Ordinary Time



- c. Thursday, 11 January; 1845: *Feria* in Ordinary Time
- d. Saturday, 13 January; 1800: Vigil Eucharist of the Sunday

2. NEXT SUNDAY, 14 January 2018; the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- a. 0800: Said Eucharist
 - b. 1000: Sung Parish Eucharist
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- 3. Tuesday, 16 January; 1915: Meeting of the PCC (in the Sacristy).
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- 4. There will be no Vestry Hour on Saturday, 20 January. If this causes you difficulty, please e-mail or telephone the Vicarage.

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

- a. The January 2018 edition of *Saints Alive!* Is ready for you to take away this morning. Please collect your copy. As always, many thanks to those who ensure the delivery of the Magazine to addresses in the parish.
- b. A final reminder that there are still a few copies of our (red-covered) 2018 Church Diary on the big table; they are free of charge. Please take one and pass on another copy to anyone you know who will use it.
- c. Do say a prayer at the crib, before you go on your way this morning.
- d. We are still in need of some more *Holy Dusters*, please, to help keep our church building clean. *Could this be you?*
- e. Work on our new Hall kitchen has begun, though the contractor has been delayed through our discovering soon after his arrival that the suspended ceiling in the Small Hall required some urgent repair. Apologies for the inevitable inconvenience and a request for your patience.
- f. We now await news of when the work on the church clock will begin. Again, the recommended contractor is snowed under with work and we have to take our place in the queue.



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