

**All Saints' North Hillingdon**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025**  
**The Feast of Epiphany**



**The Feast of Epiphany:** celebrates the revelation of Jesus as messiah and saviour, not just to the Jews, but to the whole world. Just as the Magi, the wise men came then, bearing gifts, so we do the same today. The gifts then; gold for a king, incense for a priest, and myrrh for a burial, had great meaning for the life and ministry of Christ. The gifts and service we bring to Christ today not dissimilar; we bring our 'gold' or tithe of money to the Lord, our 'incense' of prayers and faithful worship, and the surrender and death of our sinful selves that we might know Christ's resurrection life in our lives today. Isaiah's promise of light shining in the darkness is now here. In the Ephesians passage, Paul reveals the mystery that we 'gentile' nations are now heirs with Israel of God's grace and Christ's boundless riches. The saviour of the whole world has come. The Feast of Epiphany is not just about looking back on the Magi's story but about living its message today, ourselves being guided by the light of Christ and radiating that light to the world.

**HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK**

<b>Gathering</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>As with gladness men of old</b>
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Bethlehem, of noblest cities</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>Jesus shall reign</b>
<b>Comm'n</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>How brightly shines the</b>
<b>Sending</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>The first Nowell</b>

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Wednesday 10am Eucharistic Service in Church</b>	<b>10:30am Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall</b>
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**GIVING/ BOILER UPDATE**

Our 40-year-old boiler is no longer serviceable. A new heating system will cost around £30,000. It would warm our hearts and bodies if you would consider increasing your weekly offering, or giving a one-off donation to:

**"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church"**

**Sort Code: 20-89-16 a/c number: 00107344**

*(please fill in a gift-aid form so we can re-claim tax)*

**DONATIONS WANTED; Boxes at rear of church**

The **Food Bank** welcomes all donations e.g: Cereal, tins (soup, meat, veg, fruit), pasta, rice, tea, coffee, Biscuits and UHT milk.

**THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers;**

*Mark Callaghan, Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Linette & Barry Coombs, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor.*

**May they know his grace, strength, blessing, healing and salvation.**

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**We give thanks for the lives of who have died around this time:**

*Walter Parker, Beatrice Allen, Edward Noble, Winifred Beere, Harold Wraight, Alf Pike, Mary Anne Coleman, Jacqueline Fewtrell, Harry Ratchford, Brian Day.*

**Call for MAGAZINE EDITORS and CONTENT**

*We are still looking for a permanent editor for the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to edit or contribute articles, let us know.*

**VISITS / HOME COMMUNION**

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 01895 262024 [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

**SOCIAL ACTION:** email our MP e.g rural affairs or cost of energy? [danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk)

**Parish Website:**

[www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk](http://www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon](https://www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon)



### 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

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 Psalm 72:[1-9] 10-15

**R** The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

Give the king your judgements, O God,  
and your righteousness to the son of  
a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously  
and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace,  
and the little hills righteousness for the  
people.

May he defend the poor among the people,  
deliver the children of the needy and crush  
the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and moon  
endure,

from one generation to another.  
May he come down like rain upon the  
mown grass,

like the showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall righteousness flourish,

and abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more. **R**

May his dominion extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the  
earth.

May his foes kneel before him  
and his enemies lick the dust. **R**

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 oppression  
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

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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

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.

### 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.



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