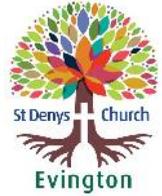


# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



**3rd January 2021 Epiphany**

*Sunday Bible readings:* Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12

Dear Friends,

This week we received contrasting news of hope and despair – news of the second Covid vaccine being licensed for use, whilst also returning to tighter restrictions on our lives whilst we wait for the vaccines to be rolled out to those who need it. This week we also approach the festival of Epiphany, the arrival of the wise men from the East who came to greet a new born King, but brought with them reason for Joseph, Mary and Jesus to flee for their lives to Egypt and terror soon following for those who lived in Bethlehem.

The amazing truth that we discover in the story of the Epiphany and Flight to Egypt is that Jesus, God incarnate as a vulnerable human being is also King of the whole earth. The child who fled to Egypt with His earthly parents was, at the same time, the sovereign One who would willingly die to reconcile us to God. It is mind-blowing in both its complexity and its simplicity. Mind-blowingly complex that Jesus can be both God and Man, Sovereign King and refugee from human power. Mind-blowingly simple that the Life of God overcomes the power of death, that the ‘foolishness’ of God Almighty is wiser than flawed human wisdom.

At this moment where some of us may once again feel overwhelmed by the looming restrictions, the anxiety brought by Covid and associated difficulties and the isolation of lockdown, I invite you to join with us again on **10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January** for our next 24 hours of prayer together as a church family. You could pray with someone over the phone, in your daily exercise or as you do your housework, dedicating that time to God and seeking to hear Him speaking His truth, hope and light into your life as you do so.

It can be easy to forget the truth, hope and light in times of fear, terror and darkness. It is the truth of God’s perfect love which drives out fear, the certain hope of salvation that outweighs the terror of the judgement we deserve, the light of Christ which cannot be quenched by the darkness of the world around us.

With love and prayers,  
Sian

## THANK YOU

During the Christmas period we saw over 260 people join our online services (particularly the Carol Service) on YouTube or Zoom. This was a massive undertaking and we thank those who were involved, including those who presented the events or took part and special thanks must go to the technical team who were on a very steep learning curve.



## DIAL-ST-DENYS

Call **0116 4647540** to hear parts of last Sunday's service.  
Call **0116 4647740** to hear a **NEW** Walk with Wonder.

### Other Worship on TV or Radio

For those who can't access online worship you may be interested that the following are broadcast on Sundays:  
30 minute service 8.00am Radio Leicester . Songs of Praise 1.15pm BBC1

Sunday Worship 8.10am Radio 4 . Choral Evensong 3.00pm Radio 3



## COMING UP ON ZOOM AND IN CHURCH

To join us for any of the following, go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join), type in the Meeting ID, and the Password (which can be obtained from Elizabeth).

**Sunday 3rd January - 10.00am Morning service for Epiphany**

Meeting ID: 820 0369 6332.

***Due to the latest Covid 19 Tier 4 restrictions we have taken the decision to close the church. Therefore there will be no live services for the time being. All events and services scheduled for Zoom will continue as before.***

**Morning Prayer** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00am.

Meeting ID: 850 7098 3621

**Coffee Mornings** on Tuesdays at 11am. Meeting ID: 857-8486-4853

Don't forget you can also join us on your landline. Call 0131 4601196 just before the time of the meeting. You will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID followed by #. This is the 9 digit code specific to each meeting. You will then be asked for their Participant ID but just press # again. Finally you will be asked for the password. You should then be able to join in.

**Re: Thinking Aloud** is not happening this week but watch this space for Monday 11th

**House Groups** are also taking a break but we will announce in the Bulletin when they start again.



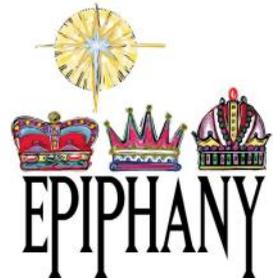
**Community  
of Grace**

The PCC are looking to sponsor a vulnerable person supported by the Community of Grace over the next 12 months. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact Michael or Gerry.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/400aac>

***Our next 24 hours of prayer will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 11<sup>th</sup> January 10am. For this month only we have moved the date to the second Sunday, so that there was time for people to sign up after the Christmas/New Year break.***

Whether you have joined in every time, or not at all, I encourage you to give it ago – you could pair up with a friend and pray together over the phone, on a walk with one other person or split the hour between you so you do half an hour each! We know that some people have responsibilities which make it difficult to set aside an hour completely to “praying”. That’s OK, too – dedicate the hour that you have given to God and continue with the tasks you need to do, and ask that God speak to you through those tasks – remember that praying is a conversation with God, it doesn’t have to be a time of complete silence, or a time where you are always consciously bringing things to God in prayer, God can meet us in our activities too. Get in touch with Sian if you have any questions.



Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including Mike Blount, Suzanne Watson, George Dixon, David Pearson, Brenda Johnson, Rosemary Freer and Fay Stanley.

Also pray for those who mourn, including the families and friends of those who have died as a result of Covid-19.



### What King is this? A poem for Epiphany

What King is this, that the stars have changed their course?

What King is this, that the heavens should shift?

What King is this, born to be king of the Jews?

*We must go and search for him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born king of the Jews.*

What King is this, that struck such fear in Herod's heart?

What King is this, so long expected and foretold?

What King is this, born to be king of the Jews?

*We must go and search for him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born king of the Jews.*

What King is this, that the teachers do not seek him?

What King is this, that none has known to find him?

What King is this, born to be king of the Jews?

*We must go and search for him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born King of the Jews.*

### Collect for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Who is this King, born into an ordinary family?

Who is this King, born just like you or me?

Who is this King, born to be king of the Jews?

*Come and meet him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born King of the Jews.*

Who is this King, worshipped by people afar?

Who is this King, who touched the

untouchables and welcomed the outcast?

Who is this King, born to be king of the Jews?

*Come and meet him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born King of the Jews.*

Who is this King, who died on a Roman cross?

Who is this King, who bore our guilt and shame?

Who is this King, who defeated death and rose again?

Who is this King, born to be king of the World?

*Come and meet him,  
Bow down and worship him,  
The One who is born to be King of All.*

### If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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