



Epiphany

Sunday 7 January 2018

*A warm welcome to all who join us to worship God
in the love and peace of his Holy Spirit*

8 am Holy Communion

The Revd Dr Charles Miller

11:15 am Morning Prayer

The Revd Canon Keith Ward

Hymn 334 Awake, awake, fling off the night

Venite

1st Reading Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm 72

2nd Reading Matthew 2.1-12

Jubilate

Collect O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn 84 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Hymn 85 Earth has many a noble city

Hymn 81 Lord for the years

*No collection will be taken at this Service, but a plate for
your donation is available at the back of the Church*

Thank you

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Monday 9 3:00 pm Communion by Extension,
Bridge House

Sunday 14 8:00 am Holy Communion
11:15 am Holy Communion & Junior Church

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri StH 9:10am Morning Prayer – The Lady Chapel

Mon - Fri StH 5:10pm Evening Prayer – The Lady Chapel

Wed StH 10:30am Holy Communion – South Aisle

Thurs StM 11:00am Circle Dancing

12:30pm Said Mass, followed by light lunch

Sunday 7 StH 10:30am Sung Eucharist

5:30pm Taizé Service

StM 9.30 am Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas: it was good to welcome so many congregation members and visitors to our Christmas Services. The collections at these raised over £400 for The Children's Society.

St Nicolas will be hosting the Midday prayers in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Monday 22 - Friday 26 January**. Offers to prepare / help with a light lunch for those attending (for example sandwiches & fruit for maybe 15 people) to Julia please. *Many thanks*

Other WoPCU events:

Inter-church quiz on **Friday 19 January**, 7.30 pm, Christ Church.

United Service on **Sunday 21 January**, 3 pm @ St Helen's Church.

Christian Aid Walk: a number of St Nic's folk took part in the traditional New Year's Day Sponsored Walk. If you would like to make a donation to the work of Christian Aid, Katie would be happy to pass it on. The Government has pledged to match any donations made before 4 February, helping your donation to go further.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This afternoon: St Helen's, **4:30pm Epiphany Music & Readings** followed by tea.

Saturday 13 January Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Sue Sheppy. Title: Deep Roots. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

The Beatitudes: A Short Course - on Saturday mornings, 27 January, 10, 24 February and 10 March 2018 from 11 am to ca. 12.30. The Beatitudes are recorded by Matthew's Gospel and are central to Jesus' teaching on discipleship. Yet neither Mark nor John records them, and in Luke's Gospel they look quite different. What's going on? What does it mean to be blessed? Do other biblical texts help us? And when we have understood what Jesus is saying, what are we to do about it? How are we to live?

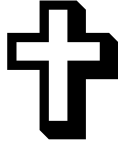
Join us as we study these words and use them in an ancient form of Christian practice called "divine reading". We will listen for the Lord to speak to us again and as we hear his voice, we will seek to obey and find the conversion of our life. Speakers: John Barton, Emma Percy, Paul Sheppy and Phillip Tovey. Each session will conclude with a short form of Midday Prayer, led by Fr Paul.

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We give thanks for the life of
Elizabeth Snowden
who died on Monday 1 January, aged 98,
and whose Funeral Service will be at
St Nicolas' on Friday 19 January at noon.

We remember in our prayers Caroline, Marianne and their families.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That we may share in the perseverance and joy of the Magi and offer our best gifts to Christ;
- The meetings of the PCC Standing Committee and the DCC this week;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, John, Jane and Mary, and all who serve in this Parish;
- the many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;
- that, as a Church and a Parish, we may respond positively to Bishop Stephen's invitation to become a more Christ-like Church, contemplative, compassionate and courageous in all we attempt together;
- those who are suffering and in particular need;
- our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today.

- ***Do, please, take this leaflet home with you
to refer to during the week***