

FIRST READING

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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

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.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

INTERCESSION

Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:
Linda Hall, Eileen Pidgeon, Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Mark West, Peggy O'Neill, Chloe Attwell, Dawn Tavener, Tony Foster, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Chris McGrath, Gregory Thomas, Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood

Please pray for these church members at home: Gwen Hare, Gwen Wells, Joyce Dyson, Joan Jackson, Jack Sapsworth, Jan Hendle, Joan Hopkins, Betty Horniblew.

We remember before God those who have died:

Terence Haestier, June Clark, Mollie Walker, Valerie Langouroux-Fay, Doris Whinnett Mildred Toole, Erica Swallow

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Epiphany	3 rd January	9.30am 11.15am	Service of the Word Centre Service
Tuesday	5 th January	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	6 th January	10.15am 11.15am	Parish Centre Communion Talking Elephants
Thursday	7 th January	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Sunday Baptism of Christ	10 th January	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Baptism Youth Club night

NOTICES

Church Coffee during January, February and March 2016 will support the local Happy days out Childrens charity providing respite breaks, residential trips, days out, and theatre trips for some of the most vulnerable children

Future dates for your diary

9th January 2016 – 7.30pm Quiz Night **(POSTPONED)**

**6th February 2016 – 7.00pm Pancake Party – Parish Centre Adults £7
Children £3.50 under 3 free. Tickets from Committee members.**

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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

Epiphany

3rd January

Leader Steve Wood

Preacher Steve Wood

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens John Weedon and John Farrent. After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area.



There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

Hymns Old & New – 113 – 491 – 537 – 41 – 477

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Before – 'In the Bleak mid-winter' – Harold Darke

After – The Radetsky March – Strauss arr. Lane

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 incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**