

Newsheet 5th January 2025 - Epiphany

Happy New Year! Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Do stay for refreshments after the service.



Offering towards the work of St Paul's: If you are able to make a donation to the church, we have a card reader and an offering plate at the back of church, or you can scan the QR code on this sheet. If you would like to give regularly please see details of the Parish Giving Scheme on website www.speh.org.uk/support-us.

Hymns: 724 We three kings, 77 Blest are the pure in heart, 49 As with gladness (omit v 4) 332 I the Lord of sea and sky

Collect: 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.

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.

Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'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.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For prayer this week

- For this New Year, that we will seek to follow Christ in all we do.
- For those who live in Boleyn Close, Bowes Road, Bundys Way.
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Alma, Jane and Debbie.
- We pray for those who mourn, including the families of Marion Doe and Sandra Morris, and at their year's mind we remember Harry Blaber, Joyce Andrews, Thomas Barwell, Marjorie Smith.

What's on 5th – 12th January 2025

Sunday 5 th 10am <i>Epiphany</i>	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) <i>After the service do stay for refreshments and help to disassemble the Christmas trees.</i>
7.30pm	St Paul's@pub – social at Thames Side Brewery – all welcome
Tuesday 7 th 9.30am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Foodbank in church
Thursday 9 th 9.30 – 11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones resumes in church Tea and Chat resumes in church Communion
Saturday 11 th 9.30am 10am – 11am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Open Space
Sunday 12 th 10am <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) with Godly Play in the hall for children ages 4-14

Contact office@speh.org.uk for zoom joining codes and to sign up for weekly email updates

Getting involved: Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas activities and events in various different ways. As we begin the new year there are many opportunities to get involved at St Paul's. Could you help with setting up/clearing up for Communion? Would you like to carry the cross or serve at the altar? Have you thought about offering to help serve refreshments? Would you like to be more involved with the music? Is it time to offer to join the reading or intercessions rotas? Are you able to help welcome people to the service? Do you have some time to help with cleaning? Those are just some of the ways that we can participate within the church family on Sundays. There's many other ways to get involved on Sundays and in the week. Talk to one of the clergy if you'd like to help.

Godly Play: We're back next Sunday 12th January, then on 9th February and 9th March. For children aged 4-14.

Youth Space: Youth Space resumes on Tuesday 14th January.