



## 4th January 2015: Epiphany

### WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time and a crèche all year round. Large print hymn and service books are available—please ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

### JOIN IN

If you are used to receiving Holy Communion in any other church you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please do come forward during Communion for a blessing.

**Please stay for tea,  
coffee & a chat after the  
service**

### SUPPORT

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**THANK YOU!**

### EPIPHANY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:  
**to you be praise and glory for ever.**

Travellers from the East, led by His star,  
Found the Christ and gave him gifts: gold, incense  
and myrrh

**May we too follow Christ, our Morning Star,  
And offer to him our hearts and minds; our  
prayer and praise; our lives and service  
That Christ's glory may shine forth in the  
world;**

For in Him the fullness of your glory dwells

**Blessed be God for ever. Amen**

### Readings

During Epiphany we celebrate Christ's divine nature being revealed and explore how our true nature is also revealed in Him.

#### Isaiah 60:1-6

In the darkness of exile the people of Israel are promised that God's light will shine on them bringing them restoration, power and riches.

#### Matthew 2:1-12

The gospel writers interpret the light of God in Isaiah's prophecy as referring to the birth of Christ. In Christ God gives us the power to become his children and to inherit his kingdom. We choose how to use the "riches" he bestows on us his people. Herod chooses to use his power for his own ends and uses it to destroy the hopes of others. Christ, the new king, acknowledged by the travellers from the East, uses the power and riches of God to serve others.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

6.30pm

Evening Prayer

### Wed 7th Jan

8.00pm Finance  
Committee meeting

### Thursday 8th Jan

12.30pm Eucharist  
followed by lunch

8.00pm Standing  
Committee

### Sun 11th Jan

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am Choir re-  
hearsal

10.30am Parish  
Eucharist

6.30pm Evening  
Prayer

Mother Ruth is back  
from holiday next  
week

Morning Prayer begins  
again on Monday 12th  
January every Monday,  
Tuesday and Wednes-  
day at 9.00am

## Please pray for:

**Those who are sick:** Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Claire Pullman, Anna Long, Candy Passmore and Thomas Jansson.

## Notices

**You still have time to finish your Christmas Holiday reading!**  
Book club: will be discussing "One Night in Winter" Simon Sebag Montefiore and "Instructions for a Heatwave" by Maggie O'Farrell. Meets @ 8pm, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, @ 67 Rodenhurst Rd. **ALL WELCOME**

### **COULD YOU HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT COMMUNITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE?**

We aim to LAUNCH our SILVER SOCIALS Tuesday drop ins for older people in January  
**& WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Can you offer to volunteer on a 4-6 weekly basis as a:  
GREETER ; CREATIVE; DRIVER?

WE ARE LOOKING URGENTLY for a CO-ORDINATOR to organise the above with rotas and emails. . Please contact Mtr Ruth or Sarah Miles.

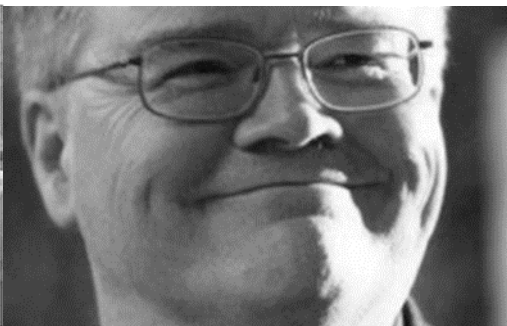
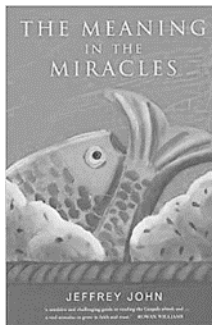


**Please note:** dates for next PCC and Standing Committee have changed!  
**Standing Committee now on 8th Jan 2015; PCC on 14th Jan 2015**

**NO Thursday Eucharist** on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.  
Thursday Eucharist & lunch start back on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

### **SMALL GROUPS will start in JANUARY!**

**This term we will be reading and discussing Jeffrey John's brilliant and thought-provoking book "The meaning in the miracles".**  
If you think you might be interested in joining a group please speak to Mother Ruth straight away!



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