

Epiphany Sunday

5th January 2025



StMARY *with* StALBAN

PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Earth has many a noble city;
Beth'lem, thou dost all excel;
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

2. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth;
to the lands their God announcing,
seen in fleshly form on earth.

3. Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

5. Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee with God the Father
and the Spirit glory be.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with you

All and also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✕ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *The Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne*

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth;
Lord God, Heavenly King; Almighty God and Father.
We worship you; we give you thanks;
We praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ; Holy Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High; Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
✕ In the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT *The Collect is said after a short period of silence*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING – *Isaiah 60.1–6, read by a member of the congregation*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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,
This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING – *Ephesians 3.1–12, read by the subdeacon*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations

this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN

1. We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star
*O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign
Refrain

4. Myrrh is mine it's bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb
Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him, God most high
Refrain

5. Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Heaven to earth replies
Refrain

THE GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 2.1–12*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘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.’ 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.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Lord in your mercy or Lord, hear us

All **Hear our prayer** **Lord, graciously hear us**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, child of Mary you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayer. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
a love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of Love.

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: *Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, Alban the martyr and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, and as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing

PRAYER AFTER 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. **Amen.**

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

SENDING OUT

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3. As their precious gifts they laid
at the manger roughly made,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.




All Amen.


Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

The ministers and people depart.

Notices

<p>A special <i>Thank You</i></p>	<p>To all those who helped 'provide' Christmas through their time and talent. It was a truly wonderful start to this sacred festive season and testimony to the beating heart of Christ in our parish. May I also wish you all a very happy and peaceful new year. Fr David</p>
<p>Tango Evening Saturday 18 January</p> <p>Book via QR code.</p>  <p>Doors open from 7.15pm St Mary's Parish Hall</p>	<p>January and February Events Booking Now!!</p> <p><u>Sign-up at the back of church, on ChurchSuite or use QR Code for this special, entertaining evening of music and dance.</u> The night begins with a beautiful Tango performance for you to enjoy over a drink, then join Father David at the Tango taster lesson before trying out your new skills or simply having a relaxing chat at the bar. £15pp - your ticket includes a free drink on arrival. Doors open from 7.15pm. A fundraiser for Building Anew – our thanks to Margaret Lochrie and Freedom Tango for making this happen.</p>
<p>Reuse Regift Recycle Sunday 19 January 10:30am - 12:00pm</p> 	<p><u>We are hosting another fun Sustainability Festival at the Parish Hall after Sunday services</u> Come along and donate or swap unwanted items, exchange gifts that don't quite fit, find that book you've always wanted to read, pickup a new piece of clothing, and more. After your Christmas clear out, it's a chance to give your old things a new home and find some treasures in return! No need to book. <i>Remaining items will be donated to a local charity.</i></p>
<p>Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper Saturday 8 February</p> 	<p><u>Book your place/s now</u> for this epic Quiz Night with a fun 8-round quiz from famed local Quizmasters Mark & Debby. Tickets £20. Bar available. Expect lots of fun whilst challenging your grey matter! No need to book a full table, tickets sold individually. Teams of 8 also very welcome - just make a note of your team's name when booking. Scan the QR Code for your tickets, or sign-up at the back of church, or via ChurchSuite.</p>
<p>Teddington's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 19-25 January</p>	<p>Everyone is invited to join any of these local services:</p> <p>Sun 19: 6.30pm St Mary with St Alban Mon 20: 9.30am Sacred Heart Tue 21: 10.30am St Michael's, Fulwell Wed 22: 5.30pm St Mary's University Chapel Thu 23: 9.00am St Mark's Fri 24: 12noon Teddington Baptist Sat 25: 10.45am Teddington Methodist</p>
<p>Foreign currency (notes and coins)</p>	<p><u>Please keep your foreign currency coming</u>, even if it has expired. Place donations in an envelope (with gift aid info if you can) and in the plate on Sunday or drop into the Parish Office.</p>

<p>Chirpy Cheeps looking for a volunteer pianist</p>	<p>This popular singing group for adults with learning disabilities is looking for a pianist for Beatles, Abba and similar, Friday afternoons Peter & Paul. Can you help? Call 07906 277849.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">ALL WELCOME</p> <p>Community Café</p> <p>Memory Café</p> <p>Plain & Pearl Knit Month</p> <p>2nd Wednesday Discussion Group</p> <p>Pints of View</p> <p>Parish Social Lunch</p> <p>Traherne Reading Group</p>	<p>Coming up</p> <p><u>Monday 6th January</u> 1.30-4.30pm Peter & Paul Centre</p> <p><u>Tuesday 7th January</u> 1.30-3.00pm Peter & Paul Centre</p> <p><u>Tuesday 7th January</u> Beginners Knitting: working on a hat. Also 14, 21 & 28 Jan. Designed by P&P's inhouse knitwear designer Suzanne. Use the QR code for info and to book.</p> <p><u>Wednesday 8th January</u> 12.45-2.15pm Mina Hogan Room. Topic: <i>Archbishop matters ...?</i> Bring your packed lunch and a friend. Tea & coffee provided. Feb's date back to 1st Wed.</p> <p><u>Wednesday 8th January</u> From 8pm. Tide End Pub. This is an opportunity to gather each month for some unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship over a pint or equivalent.</p> <p><u>Thursday 9th January</u> 12noon Piazza Firenze. Come along!</p> <p><u>Thursday 9th January</u> 1.30-3.00pm Mina Hogan Room The first of a 6-week course</p> 

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