

# St German's Church

7 Jan 2017 - The Feast of the Epiphany



Chalking the Doorways - is an Epiphany custom where we symbolise the welcome of the Holy Family to the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar) as well as a way of asking God to bless our own homes: Christus, Benedicat, Mansionem (May Christ bless this house). In a real way it reminds us, and our visitors, how God's Son was first revealed to the world.

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## Parish Notes:

**Cardiff Churches Nightshelter** Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. We've now been open for two nights and are pausing our collections of clothes etc. for now as your generosity means we now have more than enough for the next few months. For more details and how to help please see Fr Phelim.

**Mass Settings** - Please bear with us as this year we are expanding our mass settings from the Murray setting (introduced mid 1980s) to a setting by Margaret Rizza (no. 955 in the hymnals). We will introduce this gradually beginning with the Kyrie and Alleluia today.

**Crib** - Please support our crib collection which will go to a children's charity.

**8:00am Said Mass** each Sunday in St German's for our homeless guests and other helpers for the duration of our Nightshelter this Winter.

**Candlemas** - 2 February 2018 - we welcome the Cathedral Choir for a service of Choral Evensong in the Church. Details and times to follow.

**Cardiff Foodbank** - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not needed: beans, cereals, tea, pasta.

**Baptism of Christ** - Will be celebrated tomorrow evening at 6pm because we have translated Epiphany (6 Jan) to today. All are welcome.

**Christian Unity** - the week of prayer for Christian Unity is from 18-25 January 2018. There will be a Churches Together joint service in St Alban's Church on Sunday 21 January 2018 at 6pm. We meet this Tuesday (9 Jan) at 2pm in St Alban's hall to prepare for this.

**Vintage Church** - We are hoping to form a team of people willing to visit nursing homes, day centres etc to provide some spiritual support for those no longer able to come to church. Please see Geraint for details on this.

**Altar Servers** - If you would like to join the serving team please come along to our next meeting which will be after the 6pm mass on Monday 29 January. It is open to all.

**Confirmation Classes** - Will begin later this month. This year they will be on Thursday evenings after the 5:45 mass in St Saviour's. If you would like to be confirmed or maybe even enjoy a refresher on the key teachings and aspects of our Christian faith please join us. More details next week. These classes would also serve for those wishing to be baptised.

**PCC Meeting** - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Monday 22 January after the 6pm Mass.

## This week:

### Mon 8:

6pm Mass (St G)  
The Baptism of Christ

### Tues 9:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 10:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 11:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 12:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 13:

11am Mass (St S.)

St Hilary

### Sun 14:

#### Epiphany 2

#### St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

#### St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

## Keep in touch:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 60:1-6  
Ps 72  
Eph 3:23,5-6  
Matt 2:1-12

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19  
Ps 40  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

## PSALM RESPONSE

'All nations shall fall  
prostrate before you,  
O Lord.' (4vs)

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**COLLECT:**

Gracious 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.**

**Hymns: 724 We three Kings; 49 As with gladness; 85 Brightest and Best; 552 O Worship the Lord**

**1ST READING :**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Isaiah 60*

**PSALM**

**Response:**

**All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R/**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R/**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R/**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R/**  
*Psalms 105*

**2ND READING :**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel..

This is the word of the Lord.

*Ephesians 3*

**GOSPEL:**

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.

*Matthew 2. 1-12*