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Deanery Prayer Cycle

North Newbury

Will Hunter Smart, Joy Mawdesley LLM Jane Sutton St. Nicolas Newbury, St. Mary Speen

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for:

Tony Basden, Nigel Jenks, Steve Morgan, Alan Wood, Charmaine Pike, David Ashplant, Ruth Jarvis, Linda Tame, Maureen Leppard, Carol Jerrard, Christine Kendall, and Margaret Stewart.

Notices & Diary Dates Continued message from Lambourn PCC Treasurer

Our **Christingle Service** on the 2nd December raised £237.90 plus some Gift aid of £33.00 which the Children's Society will be able to reclaim.

Those of you who put away your small change in the Society boxes raised a further £120.33, and our **Carol Singing** efforts raised £328.59 out of which 50% will be sent to the Children's Society, the other 50% will go toward our church running costs. Our **Christmas Bazaar** on December 7th raised the tremendous sum of £965.65 out of which £50.00 will be going toward the Bells Fund and the remainder towards our day to day running costs.

Please send items for inclusion in the Lambourn Valley Welcome by 4.00pm on Wednesday at the latest to both: (Please start Subject Line with VW)

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Lambourn Valley Welcome

St James the Greater Eastbury All Saints East Garston St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

Sunday 6th January 2019 Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to everyone!
We are glad to have you join us as we worship God in this church.

The Week Ahead

Today 6th January

9.00am Holy Communion BCP, Eastbury 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Lambourn

Monday 7th January

9.30 -10.00am Prayers, Lambourn 10.00am Parents and Toddlers 1.30 - 3.30pm Food Bank, Sacred Heart Hall

Tuesday 8th January

7.30pm Section 12 Meeting, Eastbury Church

Thursday 10thJanuary

8.00pm Good Friday Concert practice, Lambourn

Friday 11th January

10.00am Reception Class (F2) Service, Lambourn 7.00pm Choir Practice, Lambourn

Next Sunday 13th January 2019 Baptism of Christ

9.00am Family Communion East Garston 10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Notices & Diary Dates

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the very many people in our three parishes who have contributed to our services and events during December, welcoming so many people to our churches. Thanks go to both those whose contributions have been visible and to those who have been at work "behind the scenes" - you know who you are!

Christine Allsopp

Prayer List

Some people are, rightly, on our prayer list long-term. Other people only need to be on the list for a short period. Can everyone please let Christine Allsopp know regularly so that the list can be appropriately updated and she is informed of any pastoral needs.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

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.

The Short 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.

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.

Ephesians 3.1-12

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

Although 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in

Matthew 2.1-12

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.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

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Over 250 people packed the Church on December 11th for **the Injured Jockey Fund Carol Concert**. The retiring collection raised the superb sum of £1120.00 half of which will be for our Church and the other half for the IJF who also made a welcome and substantial profit for their charity from the proceeds of the ticket sales. Many thanks to all who supported these services and events.