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### Welcome to All Saints

*This pew sheet contains the Bible Readings and hymns for today's order of service. Please use this sheet together with the Order of Service Booklet.*

*All Saints has a "loop system" for the hard of hearing. Please switch your hearing aid to the "T" position*

### Hymn: 552 O worship the Lord

**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. **Amen**

### A reading from 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.

**This is the word of the Lord:** Thanks be to God

### A reading from 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 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. 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.

**This is the word of the Lord:** Thanks be to God

### Hymn: 85 Brightest and best of the sons

This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [2:1-12] **Glorify 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, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Hymn: 49 As with gladness men of old

### Communion Hymns: 672 Sweet sacrament divine

**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. **Amen**

### Hymn: 641 The first Nowell

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**We ask God's healing for:** Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Moira, Claire & Cecily.

**We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care:** Janet, Jean, Elsie and Tony.

**Our work with children:** Our local schools, Mini church, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.

### NOTICES

**Mini Church** – would you like to help your church thrive and grow? If you are interested in assisting with Mini Church please speak to **Sarah Bramham**.

**Date for your diary – The Burns Night** will take place on **25th January at St Aidans**.

**Christmas Flowers** - Thank you to all those of you who kindly donated towards the Christmas flowers. **Jenny Child**

**Thank you** to everyone involved in the **Christmas Tree Festival** which, once again, was a great success.

**Many thanks** to everyone who attended, and those who helped at our Christingle service. **£173.69 was raised for the Children's Society**.

**Mothers' Union:** Dear members please note that MU midday prayers is at All Saints on Monday 7th January at 11.45a.m in Church House. The next MU meeting is the Wave of Prayer in Church House at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 8th January and we will be joined by members of Holy Trinity. Thank you. **Jenny Child**.

**A huge thank you to Kate Smallwood**. Kate has been our wedding verger for 20 years and, sadly, has now decided to retire as she has now moved away from the parish. We wish her well for the future and are extremely grateful for her sterling service.

**Gift Aid.** If you are a visitor to All Saints and a tax payer would you kindly consider putting your offering into a yellow gift aid envelope that you can find in each pew and complete the information required to enable us to claim another 25% of your gift from HMRC.



## The Epiphany 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Parish Diary

#### Sunday 6th January Epiphany

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion  
**6.00 pm** Choral Evensong

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**8.30 am** Morning prayer

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**10.30 am** Holy Communion *followed by tea & coffee*

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion

### Dates for your diary

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**25th January 7.00 pm Burns Night (St Aidan's)**

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