

SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	7.45am	Short Daily Prayer
Wednesday	10:00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.45am	Long Daily Prayer
Next Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Sung Eucharist

WHAT'S ON?

Healing and Wholeness Services: We are seeking new leadership for our Healing and Wholeness services. Please speak with the Rector or Margaret McKinnon if you are interested.

Children's Ministries the Rector is hoping to meet on 13th January at 5pm with those interested in helping out with children's ministries, including Storytime Service and Sunday School.

Shrove Tuesday – 9 February at 6.00pm, Crepes and Cakes (of the pan) at the Rectory. Invite your friends and family! Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Lenten Soup Group – Beginning in Lent and running through Eastertide, we will meet at 1pm in the church for a soup lunch and a series on Living Well. Through Lent, we will look at patterns of living that take us away from a good life and through Eastertide we will discuss a pattern of everyday spirituality. Watch for a sign up sheet and invite friends and family.

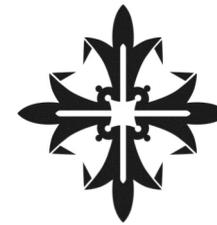
WHO'S WHO?

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SAINT MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feast of the Epiphany, 3rd January 2016

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

Relax and rest in God from the past week.

Rejoice with friends and family.

Be renewed by shared prayer, adoration and thanksgiving.

Children of all ages are welcome. Our children's programme occurs during the 10.15am service.

Communion is open to all who love Jesus Christ. You may drink from the chalice or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are enjoyed after the 10.15am service.

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RECTOR'S REFLECTION: EPIPHANY

In the ancient world, 'epiphany' refers to the manifestation of a god or to the birth of a king. More broadly, it describes an awakening of awareness, an intellectual breakthrough, a revelation, a profound insight, a moment of inspiration. In reference to Jesus, it refers to the enlightenment we experience when we discover who Jesus is. Established in the fourth century as a principal feast of the church year, the Feast of the Epiphany recalls the Magi visiting Jesus. Because they were Gentiles, the story represents the whole world acknowledging Jesus as King. This Feast encourages us to look for manifestations of Christ's rule in our own time. It is customary either for a priest to bless the homes of the congregation or for people to receive chalk to mark the entrance of their home with an inscription. This year, it would be: '20+C+M+B+16'. The numbers 20 and 16 stand for the year. The '+' stands for the cross. The letters abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, 'May Christ bless the house.' May your home be a blessing to you and to all who enter it this year.

HOLY COMMUNION (1970 LITURGY) AT 8 and 10.15AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn	13, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Opening Sentences	Orange Booklet p3
Confession & Absolution	Booklet pp3, 5
Request for God's Presence, for Purity & for Christ's Mercy	Booklet p5
Gloria in excelsis Deo	Booklet p7
Prayer for the Week: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son, guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	
First Lesson	Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72.1-8, 11-14	
<p>God, endow the king with your own fair judgement, the son of the king with your own saving justice, that he may rule your people with justice, and your poor with fair judgement. Mountains and hills, bring peace to the people! With justice he will judge the poor of the people, he will save the children of the needy and crush their oppressors. In the sight of the sun and the moon he will endure, age after age. He will come down like rain on mown grass, like showers moistening the land. In his days uprightness shall flourish, and peace in plenty till the moon is no more. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the river to the limits of the earth. All kings will do him homage, all nations become his servants. For he rescues the needy who calls to him, and the poor who has no one to help. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the needy from death. From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, their blood is precious in his sight.</p>	
Second Lesson	Ephesians 3.1-12
Gradual Hymn	53, Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

The Gospel	Matthew 2.1-12
The Sermon	The Rector
The Nicene Creed	Booklet p11
Prayers of Intercession	TBA

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn	78, Christ the World's True Light
Preface to Communion	Booklet p15
Sanctus and Benedictus	Booklet p17
Prayer of Consecration	Booklet pp17, 19, 21
The Lord's Prayer	Booklet p21
Prayer of Humble Access & Agnus Dei	Booklet p23
Invitation to Communion	Booklet p25

Post Communion Prayer: God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this Eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord, now and for ever. Amen

Children bring the chalk to the altar

The Blessing of the Chalk

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it would help your people remember that their homes are to be your castle in which you are Lord; and let their homes be a blessing to all who visit. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal	Booklet p27
Concluding Hymn	427, Praise to the Lord