



# WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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This morning we welcome the Revd Bill Raines to preside and preach

## This morning's music

89 Brightest and best of the suns of the morning  
805 We three kings of Orient are  
705 The first Nowell  
357 In the bleak midwinter  
46 As with gladness men of old  
*Handel: Glory to God*

## This morning's readings and prayers

**Isaiah 60.1-6** (Reader: Robert Nicholls); Ps. 72.1-15;

**Ephesians 3.1-12** (Reader: Opal Walsh);

**Matthew 2.1-12** (Gospeller: Colin Powell)

Intercessor: Helen Reid

## Today's Eucharistic Prayer: E

### Prayer in the silence after communion

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.

## Collect for Feast of the Epiphany

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.

## Gospel acclamation

*Reader:* Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. *Response:* **Alleluia.**

## Post Communion for the Epiphany

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.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service: all welcome

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## Evensong at 6.30pm today

<b>Hymns and Psalm</b>	583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness	Psalm 98
	727 The people that in darkness sat	490 Love came down at
<b>Readings</b>	Baruch 4.36-5.9, John 2.1-11	Christmas

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## This week and further ahead

5 January ~ Tuesday	7.30pm Taizé Evening Prayer, followed by refreshments, at St Nick's
10 January ~ Sunday	Ladies Group Christmas meal; coach leaves 12.15pm
12 January ~ Tuesday	8.00pm PCC meeting

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## Epiphany by Christina Rossetti (part 1)

*There are two parts to this poem – look on your neighbour's notice sheet or on the website for the other part*

'Lord Babe, if Thou art He  
We sought for patiently,  
Where is Thy court?  
Hither may prophecy and star resort;  
Men heed not their report.' –  
'Bow down and worship, righteous man:  
This Infant of a span  
Is He man sought for since the world began!  
'Then, Lord, accept my gold, too base a thing  
For Thee, of all kings King.'

'Lord Babe, despite Thy youth  
I hold Thee of a truth  
Both Good and Great:  
But wherefore dost Thou keep so mean a state,  
Low-lying desolate?'  
'Bow down and worship, righteous seer:  
The Lord our God is here  
Approachable, Who bids us all draw near.'  
'Wherefore to Thee I offer frankincense,  
Thou Sole Omnipotence.'

But I have only brought  
Myrrh; no wise afterthought  
Instructed me  
To gather pearls or gems, or choice to see  
Coral or ivory.'  
'Not least thine offering proves thee wise:  
For myrrh means sacrifice,  
And He that lives, this Same is He that dies.'  
'Then here is myrrh: alas, yea woe is me  
That myrrh befitteth Thee.'

Myrrh, frankincense, and gold:  
And lo from wintry fold  
Good-will doth bring  
A Lamb, the innocent likeness of this King  
Whom stars and seraphs sing:  
And lo the bird of love, a Dove,  
Flutters and coos above:  
And Dove and Lamb and Babe agree in love:  
Come all mankind, come all creation hither,  
Come, worship Christ together.

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## Next Sunday, the Baptism of Christ (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

President and preacher: Revd Eileen Short. **Isaiah 43.1-7** (Reader: Barbara Purvis); Psalm 29;  
**Acts 8.14-17** (Reader: Freda Evans); **Luke 3.15-17,21,2** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh), Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher