



“Astrologers from the east arrived in Jerusalem.” Matthew 2:1

This morning's music

46 As with gladness men of old
89 Brightest and best
280 Hail to the Lord's anointed
463 Lord Jesus Christ
805 We three kings of Orient are
J S Bach: Pastorale in F

This morning's readings and prayers

Isaiah 60.1-6 (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 72;
Ephesians 3.1-12 (reader: Jenny Black);
Matthew 2.1-12 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh);
Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

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.

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

Isaiah 43.1-7 (reader: Barbara Purvis); Psalm 29; **Acts 8.14-17** (reader: Pam Race);
Luke 3.15-17,21,22 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Jenny Black

Tea and coffee are served in the Community Hall after the Sunday morning service

**6.30pm today
Evensong**

Hymns & Psalm

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
383 Jesus, good above all others
Baruch 4.36 – 5.9, John 2.1-11

Psalm 98
805 We three kings of Orient are

Readings

Thanks

The Carol singing in the courts, the Carol Service collection and the Christmas Card board raised in total £138.84 for The Children's Society. Thanks to all concerned

This week and further ahead

Tuesday 8 January

7.30pm Holy Communion followed at 8.00pm by PCC meeting

Thursday 10 January

10.00am Holy Communion (in the Vestry)

Friday 11 January

Christian Aid collection at Tesco East Didsbury – volunteers needed. See Leslie Fletcher or sign up on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/Tesco-11-January>

Saturday 12 January

10.30 am – noon: first of a series of monthly “café concerts” – an opportunity to chat over some refreshments in church, with live music being played from time to time. Come and go as you please. This month’s musician Melanie Plumley, organist of two churches in the Bolton area, will be playing some lighter music. Thereafter on the second Saturday of each month. This first one will include an illustrated talk on the history of the organ.

Sunday 13 January

Roger Nichols is raising money walking 20 kilometres across Thames bridges for Headway – the brain injury association – because a family member has suffered brain injuries. “The money I raise is both an expression of gratitude and support for all the amazing work Headway does.”

Read more of the background and donate at <https://tinyurl.com/Rogers-walk>

Friday 25 January

Burns Night Party and meal. Tickets from Trena. Vegetarian option available.

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