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### Welcome to St. Peter’s

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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**:

**We pray for;**

Trinity St. Peter’s School

Formby High School

Our youth groups

**For the residents of;**

Rimmers Avenue, Massams Lane, Gregsons Avenue, Queens Avenue

**For the sick;** Christine, Harry, Jonathan, Jude, Ken, Lyn, May, Stuart, those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or live in Nursing Homes.

**For the recently departed;** and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**

EPIPHANY

7th January 2018

**Services for Today:**

 **8.00am Eucharist (BCP)**

**10.00am  Parish Eucharist**

**Epiphany**

*Prelude: Bach – Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schaar*

**Gathering**

**94** As with gladness men of old

**Gradual**

**679** In Christ there is no east or west

**Offertory**

**105** We three kings of Orient are

**During Communion**

*Choir Howells – Here is the little door*

 *Berlioz – Shepherd’s Farewell*

**88** What child is this, who, laid to rest

**Post Communion**

**103** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

*Voluntary: Bach – Herr Christ, der ein’ge Gottes Sohn*

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

*Prelude: Bach-O Lamm Gott unschuldig*

*Introit Holst-In the bleak midwinter*

**238** Come down, O Love divine

 **46** On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

**107** The sinless one to Jordan came

*Anthem Ives Listen, sweet dove*

**Psalm 29** on page 171

**First reading: Acts 19: 1-7**

 read by Wendy Thorpe

**Second reading: Mark 1: 4-11**

 read by Ken Ward

*Voluntary: Walford-Davies Jesu dulcis memoria*

*Gluten free wafers are available please let the Vicar know at the rails*

*The Dec/Jan edition of the Parish magazine is available – please take a copy.*

*Please take this bulletin home for your diary and prayer*

**The Collect;**

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 forever. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word;**

**Epistle Reading; Ephesians 3: 1-12**

*Our reading today is read by; Caroline Hope*

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 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 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.

**Gospel Reading; Matthew 2: 1-12**

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.

**Intercessions by** Peter Shaw

**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.**

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**That All May Be Free**

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**DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:**

Monday 8th

 9.00am Morning Prayer Formby Chapel

10.45am Meditation (info. Helen 876774) Bier House

 2.00pm Keystone Dementia Support Group Bier House

Tuesday 9th

 9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

10.00am Bible Study Bier House

**Wednesday 10th**

11.00am Eucharist (*followed by refreshments*) Church/Bier House

 7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse Bier House

**Thursday 11th**

 9.00am Morning Prayer Formby Chapel

**Friday 12th**

 9.15am Little Fishes Parish Hall

 2.00pm Bible Study with Peter Paine Bier House

 *(1 Samuel 3:1-20; Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end*)

**Sunday 14th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

 8.00am Eucharist (BCP) Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club Church/Bier House

 6.30pm Choral Evensong Church

**Dates for your diary**

**January**

17th 2.00pm WOW Service

 7.30pm Primetime

21st 10.00am Sunday Club

25th 2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist

28th 12 noon Hot Dog Service

 6.30pm Service of Wholeness

**Parish Administrator Required -** based in the Parish Office, Paradise Lane

3 mornings per week – Wednesday to Friday

For further information and job specification please see the advert on our website [www.stpetersformby.co.uk](http://www.stpetersformby.co.uk)

or contact the Parish Office: tel: 01704 871171 e-mail: stpetersformby@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is **Monday 8th January 2018**

**FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY.** The Friday afternoon Bible Study will commence again on the 12th January and will meet on the following dates: 26th Jan and 9th and 23rd February. We will meet in the Bier House at 2.00pm. Readings for the 12th will be: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end.

**CHRISTIAN AID ADVENT CALENDARS.** Please bring your Advent Calendar money to the church this month. There is a clearly labelled box at the back of church to receive them or you may give them to Carol Paine, Sue Parkes or Cliff Cotsworth. Thank you very much for your support.

**Advent Collection** – we are pleased to announce that £855.34 was raised for the **Whitechapel Centre**.