



# EPIPHANY

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## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### We pray for;

All schools and the NHS

Our Churchwardens, Sarah & Paul

**For the residents of;** Massams Lane, Green Lane, The Paddock

**For the sick;** Ann & Kevin, Barbara, Catherine, Jane, Jim, Margaret, Mike, Penny, Rosemary, those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Nursing Homes.

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

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**  
**Epiphany**

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

## Services for Today:

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

### 10am Parish Eucharist

*This service will be live streamed*

#### Gathering

104 Songs of thankfulness and praise

#### Gradual

105 We three kings of Orient are

#### Offertory

94 As with gladness men of old

#### Post Communion

103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**No Evening Service**



Altar flowers are sponsored by  
Pat Smith in memory of her  
mother Robina Winsby  
and her partner  
Eric Holdsworth

## **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 for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word;**

### **Epistle Reading;**

**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 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**

**Keith Millington**

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.’

## Intercessions

Revd Simon Macaulay

### 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.**

**THE FOODBANK** The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: tinned custard, UHT milk, Tea (80 bag packs), tinned fruit, crackers, pot noodles, brown sauce, tomato sauce, tinned meat, cereal, toilet rolls (4 packs), laundry tabs (small packs). Many thanks

Please remember to save **stamps** for the BCRT box in the porch, remembering to leave a 1cm border. Many Thanks, Caroline

**We have a contactless payment machine for donations situated near the door of the church.**



### Please note -

\*\*\*There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on 5<sup>th</sup> January

### *Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ*

8.30am	Eucharist (CW)
10.00am	Parish Eucharist (Live streamed)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

### CHRISTMAS CARDS 'POSTIES'

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help to deliver the Christmas cards around our Parish this year. Your help and support has been greatly appreciated. Thanks also to David Manning-Fox who explored our parish boundary and discovered more roads.





## The Magi bring gifts

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