



Parish of St Peter, Formby

Epiphany

5th January 2025

Services for Today

Welcome to St. Peter's
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

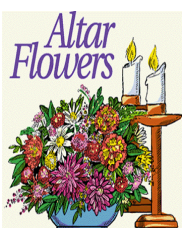
We pray for:

All returning to school and college.

For the residents of: Cummins Avenue,
Queens Avenue and Gregsons Avenue

For the sick: Fred, Edna, Harvie, James,
Jane, Joan, John, Mabel, Margaret, Martin,
Matthew, Nigel, Raymond, Roger, baby
Theo, Vivienne and those in hospital and our
parishioners who are housebound or living in
Care Homes.

For the recently departed: Harry Thomas
and those whose anniversary of death falls at
this time remembering especially Eric
Holdsworth.



Altar flowers are sponsored by
Pat Smith in loving memory of her
partner, Eric Holdsworth.

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Bach *In dulci jubilo*

Gathering

94 As with gladness men of old

Gradual

95 Bethlehem, what greater city

Offertory

105 We three kings of Orient are

Motets: Britten *New Year Carol*

Ouseley *From the rising of the sun*

Post Communion

103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness

Organ: Bach *In dir ist freude*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Bach *Kommst du nun, Jesu*

Introit: Lang *Eastern Monarchs, sages three*

Hymns:

93 Arise, shine out, your light has come

88 What child is this, who, laid to rest

679 In Christ there is no east or west

Psalm 98, page 253

Choir Anthem:

Ouseley *From the rising of the sun*

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-9 / John 2:1-11

Readers: Patrick Parkes and Wendy Thorpe

Voluntary: Dandrieu *Noel Suisse*

Please ask for a children's puzzle sheet or help yourself to children's books and toys.

Gluten free wafers are available please let the Vicar know.

Please take a free copy of the December/January Parish Magazine

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

Our reading today is read by;

Joseph Edwards

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 to 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 to 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

Shena Edwards

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations,
and believed in throughout the world.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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;

Paul McHenry

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.**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS Many thanks to all those who gave to the Christingle Service Collection - The Children's Society £1183.67

THE FOODBANK The Church Porch is open every day from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: coffee, jam, crackers, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, cereal, toilet rolls (4 packs), laundry tabs (small packs), shampoo, deodorant, nappies (size 5), razors and toothbrushes. Many thanks.

Are you a UK Taxpayer? Do you make Cash Donations to St. Peter's?

Do you make Cash/Cheque Donations in Yellow Envelopes? There are numbered envelopes available which means you do not need to write out your details everytime. The number on the envelope will be unique to you and your name, address and donation is known only by the Stewardship Team. If you pay tax we can also claim Gift Aid without any extra cost to you. Please contact our Parish Administrator for more information.



Please make donations by cheque payable to St Peters PCC.

Can You Help? Anyone interested in helping to serve coffee occasionally after the 10am service on Sundays please contact Ken Ward 871927



IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU.

If you would like our magazine delivered, or have recently moved to the parish, changed your address, or if you would like to be added to the email list will you please hand this slip to the Vicar or Churchwardens. Thank You.

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DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 6th January

9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
10.15am	Halcyon House Eucharist		Halcyon House
10.30am	Bacon Barms and Banter		Bier House
1.00pm	Funeral of Harry Thomas		Church

Tuesday 7th

9.00am	Morning Prayer		Song Room
11.00am	Woodlands Care Home Eucharist		Woodlands

Wednesday 8th

11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	Church
7.30pm	Bible Study with Ted Woods	Bier House

Thursday 9th

9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
1.45pm (2pm start)	Singing for Fun		Parish Hall
2.00pm	Mothers' Union AGM		Bier House

Friday 10th

9.15am	Little Fishes pre-school group	Parish Hall
2.00pm	Bible Study with Peter Paine	Bier House

Sunday 12th

	Baptism of Christ	
8.30am	Eucharist (CW)	Church
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club	Church
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Church

Epiphany

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