



Sunday 2nd January 2022

The Weekly Link

Welcome to St Wulstans.
Please do take this sheet
home with you

The Epiphany

This Week's Special Prayer

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.



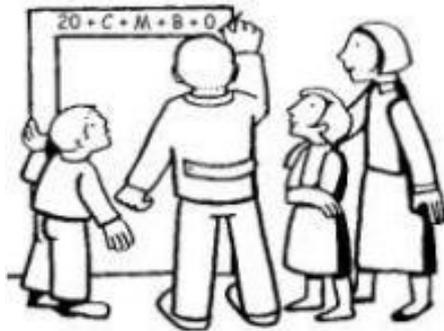
The Gospel reading from Matthew 2

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.



The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who has been human like us for more than two thousand years.

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Christus mansionem benedicat

May all who visit this place be safe and be set free from fear. May all our neighbours be as whole and as happy and as healthy as it is possible for them to be. May all who call this place home have ease of being and abundance in hope.

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Sundays at 11.15

Mondays at 10.00

Wednesdays at 12.00

and especially for little ones

Thursdays at 9.15

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St Wulstans PCC

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JANUARY 2022

This is an outline of what's in the church diary as we start the month. Everything is subject to revision, especially as we wait to see what the impact of the Omicron wave over Christmas has been

| | | | |
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| Sun | 02-Jan | 11.15am | Together for Epiphany: our regular Sunday communion service. Chris will be speaking about French traditions about the three kings |
| Wed | 05-Jan | 10am | Heating engineer in church |
| | | 2pm | Sarah has a meeting with Diocesan colleagues in church |
| Thu | 06-Jan | 9.15am | Mainly Music --- a new term with a Wise Men special |
| Fri | 07-Jan | 11am | Family Funeral --- in church for baby Anna Ichim |
| Sun | 09-Jan | 10am | Family Baptism --- for three year old Scarlett |
| | | 11.15am | Together for Sunday: our regular Sunday communion service. Sarah will be speaking about when Jesus was baptised in the Jordan river |
| Mon | 10-Jan | 10am | Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week with prayer |
| | | 12.30pm | Cluster Ministers --- colleagues from the teams at St Nick's and St Barnabas join us at St Wulstans for midday prayer and a packed lunch |
| Tue | 11-Jan | tbc | Diamond Group meets --- a gathering for those planning our sixtieth anniversary celebrations. Keith will be in touch to confirm arrangements |
| Wed | 12-Jan | 9.30am | Open Door Wednesdays --- open all morning for craft and chatter and coffee |
| | | 12pm | Wednesday Communion --- midweek opportunity to gather around the table |
| Thu | 13-Jan | 9.15am | Mainly Music --- our weekly songs and games for little ones |
| Sun | 16-Jan | 11.15am | Together for Sunday: our regular Sunday communion service. Alison Webster reflects on the wedding story of the water that became wine |
| Mon | 17-Jan | 10am | Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week with prayer |
| | | 12pm | Tolladine Mission --- the trustees are meeting in church |
| Wed | 19-Jan | 9.30am | Open Door Wednesdays --- open all morning for craft and chatter and coffee |
| | | 12pm | Wednesday Fellowship --- midweek readings and prayer led by Eve, Keith and Mike (Sarah is at deanery chapter today) |
| | | 6.45pm | St Wulstans Day --- we will make plans for this celebration nearer the time once we know what the public health situation is |
| Thu | 20-Jan | 9.15am | Mainly Music --- our weekly songs and games for little ones |
| | | 7.30pm | Cluster Leadership Group --- a gathering to plan for shared ministry in the coming year whilst St Barnabas is in vacancy |
| Sun | 23-Jan | 11.15am | Together for Sunday: our weekly communion. Phil will be speaking about the first sermon Jesus preached |
| Mon | 24-Jan | 10am | Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week with prayer |
| | | 12.30pm | Cluster Ministers --- colleagues from the teams at St Nick's and St Barnabas join us at St Wulstans for midday prayer and a packed lunch |
| Wed | 26-Jan | 9.30am | Open Door Wednesdays --- open all morning for craft and chatter and coffee |
| | | 12pm | Wednesday Communion --- midweek opportunity to gather around the table |
| Thu | 27-Jan | 9.15am | Mainly Music --- our weekly songs and games for little ones (Sarah will be at Bishop John's teaching morning on community engagement) |
| Sun | 30-Jan | 11.15am | Together for Candlemas: Sarah will be reflecting on Anna & Simeon meeting Jesus in the Temple when he came in as a forty day old baby |
| <i>Please note that today is also Julieann's last Sunday as vicar at St Barnabas</i> | | | |
| Mon | 31-Jan | 10am | Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week with prayer |
| | | 7.30pm | Ministry Team Seminar --- once a term, those of us involved in planning and leading worship take time out to learn and reflect together. Our colleague, theologian Robin Parry from St Martins will help us explore how ancient ways of seeing the cosmos can speak God's word in today's world |