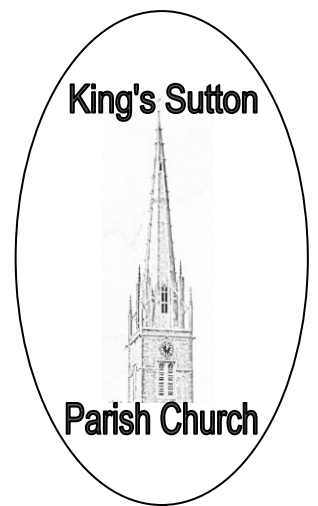


PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January 2020



It's tempting to think that Christmas is over, the turkey has been eaten, the presents opened, and a new year is upon us. However, Christmas continues in Church for several more weeks. During this time we will commemorate some of the events described in the gospels and which form part of the full story of what we now call Christmas.

Epiphany is one of those events. This was the moment at which the three Kings, or Wise Men or Magi (the Bible and folklore have given them many names) arrived in Bethlehem to worship Jesus. It's interesting to think about how little these three men had in common with Jesus. They were, in all likelihood, relatively wealthy and were VIPs in their own nations. The beliefs and traditions that they had grown up with, and which still meant so much to them, were very different to the beliefs and traditions of the community into which Jesus was born. Furthermore, they had undertaken a hard journey and been subjected to a difficult interrogation by King Herod. We might think that all this would make them skeptical about the child they found in the manger. Yet they believed; they found hope and joy in Christ.



Do come and join us in January as we continue to celebrate that hope and joy, not least at our Christingle service which promises to be an especially joyful time.

I hope that 2020 brings you much happiness and many blessings.

Fr Matthew

January 26th CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4pm

This service is all about light, calling to mind the words of an old man, Simeon, who said of Jesus that he was 'a light to lighten the gentiles'. This was when Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple in Jerusalem. All first-born sons were offered by parents to the Lord in this way as an acknowledgement that their sons were a gift from God. Christingle itself is a tradition from Moravia in central Europe. An orange represents the world, around it there is a red ribbon, representing Christ's blood, by which we find redemption. There are four sets of fruits - the fruits of the earth and the four corners of the world, in other words, the things of creation are for everyone. On the top a candle: Christ the light of the world. The collection at the service is for the Children's Society working with disadvantaged young people in the UK.



Saturday January 25th
DEE'S DEE-LIGHTS 10.30 – 12 noon
in church

*A warm welcome,
cakes, a small raffle,
books, tea and coffee!*

Celebration of Light

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

November	27 th	Sophie Hamilton
December	3 rd	John McCarthy
December	6 th	Moira Holcombe
December	16 th	Roger Stillman

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.

MANY THANKS to all those in our community who came and supported the recent Christmas Fayre. Over £1400 was raised for church funds. Thank you.

To think about.....

"So far from being shocked at the poverty of the place, and his unkingly appearance, their faith rises and gathers strength on the sight of the obstacles, which humanly speaking, should extinguish it. It captivates their understanding; it penetrates these curtains of poverty, infancy, weakness and abjection..."

(The Magi's faith before Christ's Nativity – Alban Butler)

Children and families

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP: Every Friday in term time at 9.30am, restarting in the New Year on Friday 10th January.

FAMILY WORSHIP: Our Christingle Service is on Sunday 26th January at 4pm.



Services at Newbottle

January	5 th	The Epiphany	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
January	12 th	The Baptism of Christ	Matins & Holy Communion	9.30 am
January	19 th	Epiphany 2	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
January	26 th	Epiphany 3	Matins & Holy Communion	9.30 am

Holy Communion Services at 7 Cartwright Road at 9.30am:

Thursdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday
in the Parish Church.

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Proposed Calendar of Services for January 2020

Weds	1	<i>The circumcision of Christ: Mass 10am</i>
Thurs	2	
Fri	3	Midday prayer 12 noon
Sat	4	Mass 10am
Sun	5	The Epiphany: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	6	
Tues	7	Mass 9.30am
Weds	8	<i>S Lucian: Mass 10am</i>
Thurs	9	
Fri	10	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday prayer 12 noon
Sat	11	Mass 10am
Sun	12	The Baptism of Christ / Epiphany 1: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	13	<i>S Hilary</i>
Tues	14	Mass 9.30am
Weds	15	Mass 10am
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	<i>S Anthony of Egypt:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday prayer 12 noon
Sat	18	<i>Amy Carmichael: Mass 10am</i>
Sun	19	Epiphany 2: Mass 8am; Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	20	<i>S Fabian</i>
Tues	21	<i>S Agnes: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	22	<i>S Vincent of Saragossa: Mass 10am</i>
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	<i>S Francis de Sales:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday prayer 12 noon
Sat	25	<i>Conversion of S Paul: Mass 10am</i>
Sun	26	Epiphany 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Christingle 4pm
Mon	27	
Tues	28	<i>S Thomas Aquinas: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	29	Mass 10am
Thurs	30	<i>Charles, King and Martyr</i>
Fri	31	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday prayer 12 noon

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