

What's on week commencing 6 January 2019

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| Mon | 7 Jan | 8.00pm | Cell Group | The Bull's Head, Inkberrow |
| Mon | 7 Jan | 8.00pm | Noah's Ark Planning Meeting | Magnolia Cottage, Dormston |
| Tues | 8 Jan | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Mill House, Kington |
| Tues | 8 Jan | 6.00pm | Bookings Evening | St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow |
| Tues | 8 Jan | 7.30pm | St Paul's Study Group | 18 Chestnut Road, Astwood Bank |
| Tues | 8 Jan | 8.00pm | PCC (MM) Meeting | St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow |
| Wed | 9 Jan | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St Peter's Church, Inkberrow |
| Wed | 9 Jan | 10.15am | Funeral of Raymond Clark | Redditch Crematorium |
| Wed | 9 Jan | 8.00pm | Cell Group | Copper Brier, Inkberrow |
| Thurs | 10 Jan | 8.30am | Morning Prayer | St Paul's Church, Cookhill |
| Thurs | 10 Jan | 9.00am | Admin Meeting | The Vicarage, Inkberrow |
| Thurs | 10 Jan | 2.00pm | Inkberrow Pastoral Care Mting | Pipistrelle, Inkberrow |
| Sun | 13 Jan | 11.00am | Junior Church | St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow |

A New Year Message from the Bishop of Worcester: As we embark upon 2019, our country is in an unprecedented state, one giving rise to much anxiety, in which we are faced with the most significant of decisions for at least a generation. As the Brexit debate continues, it is very unclear what the future will hold. It is not only parliament that is very divided, we are divided as a country. The referendum, which was supposed to settle the issue, seems to have given rise to hostility as well as division. In situations such as these, I find the words of Psalm 46, which have given solace to people for thousands of years, of great relevance: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.'

Whether or not we feel able to put our trust in God, one thing is clear: there is an overriding need for us to come together as a nation in this coming year and beyond. Reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian faith: Christ came to reconcile us to God and to one another. Human reconciliation is essential for the well-being of our society, the communities within it and ourselves. whether or not we have faith. I hope and pray that we shall all be able to work for that reconciliation and the common good in the months ahead. May God bless you richly in 2019

Bishop John.

ELECTORAL ROLE: In 2019 the electoral role will be completely redone. If you wish to be on the electoral role of your parish church you will have to complete a new form. These can be obtained from your electoral role officer or from your church. Forms will need to be completed prior to the APCM for the relevant church which are currently planned as follows:

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| St Peter's | 5/03/2018 | St Paul's | 10/03/2018 |
| St Nicholas' | 11/02/2018 | St James's | 19/02/2018 |

Sunday 13th January, Baptism of Christ

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Peter's Church Inkberrow |
| 9.30am | Morning Praise | St Paul's Church Cookhill |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Peter's, Church Inkberrow |
| 11.00am | Ignyte | St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | St Nicholas' Church, Dormston |

CHURCH CONTACTS: www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk.

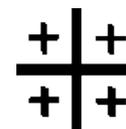
Vicar: Rev'd Bruce Rienstra, The Vicarage, High Street, Inkberrow. WR7 4DU, 01386 792222, email: vicar@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk. (Day off Friday);

Associate Priest: Rev'd Diane Hayward-Wright, 1 Church Drive, Cookhill, 01527 892727 diane@haywardwright.co.uk (Day off Monday);

Benefice Administrator Maria Lazenbury, 01386 793747, admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk, (Part-time)

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Newsheet for
6th January 2019
Epiphany

Mission Statement A welcoming church, community centred on the unconditional love of Jesus. Vibrant and growing; Serving and nurturing; Encountering God and transforming lives.



SERVICES for Sunday 6th January, Epiphany

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Peter's Church, Inkberrow |
| 9.30am | Family Communion | St Paul's Church, Cookhill |
| | <i>With Healing Prayers & Anointing</i> | |
| 9.30am | Traditional Holy Communion | St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow |
| 11.00am | Informal Worship | St Peter's Church, Inkberrow |
| 11.00am | Morning Praise | St James's Church, Kington |
| 1.00pm | Baptism (Annabel & Harry Pym) | St Nicholas' Church, Dormston |

COLLECT, Epiphany

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.**

POST COMMUNION, Epiphany

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.**

Isaiah 60.1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3.1-12

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2. 1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'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.'³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.'⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those bereaved of: Eileen Selby; Raymond Clark; Thelma James;

Those who are in special need: Tim Beddall; ; Oliver Mears; John; Barry Brookes; Joanne Hadley-king; Michael; Thomas Jones and family; David; Liz Hammer; Peter Evans; Stephanie & Toby Bucknall; Mary;

Prayer Focus:

- We pray that the expected changes this country will experience in the coming year will not be too detrimental. That society will find some healing no matter what the changes are or are not;
- We pray for the people of Thailand who are living with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Pabuk. We pray for those who are affected be they residents or tourists;
- We pray for the cosmos. For the entirety of God's creation. We pray for all life, wherever it may be found. We pray that all space exploration be for the benefit of all mankind and not for individual nations;
- With cold weather finally arriving we pray for the NHS and the demands placed on it during this time of year. We pray for all staff as they help patients;
- We pray for 2019. We pray that it may be a year of love. That we may follow Jesus' example of loving everyone we come across, loving our family, friends and neighbours be we pray that we will be able to love even those we find difficult to love, those who look, speak and are in other ways different from us. We pray that we will love those who we find difficult and that they will love us in return;
- O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen;
- Droitwich Deanery - Rural Dean: Wyn Beynon; Lay Chair: Janet Bryan;
- Rous Lench, St Peter (Rev'd Richard Thorniley)
- For those who live and work in Greenscroft Way, Malthouse Crescent, High House Drive Inkberrow;

Daily Bible Readings W/C 6 January 2019

| Date | Psalms | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sun 6 Jan, Epiphany | 98 | Isaiah 60.1-9 | John 2.1-11 |
| Mon 7 Jan | 99 | Isaiah 63.7-end | 1 John 3 |
| Tues 8 Jan | 46 | Isaiah 64 | 1 John 4.7-end |
| Wed 9 Jan | 148 | Isaiah 65.1-16 | 1 John 5.1-12 |
| Thurs 10 Jan | 149 | Isaiah 65.17-end | 1 John 5.13-end |
| Fri 11 Jan | 150 | Isaiah 66.1-11 | 2 John |
| Sat 12 Jan, Aelred, abbot | 96 | Isaiah 66.12-23 | 3 John |