

Sunday 15th January 2017**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	Family Worship with baptism– <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club and – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Healing service – <i>St Andrew's</i>

NOTICES:

Thank you to so many people for helping in so many different ways at Christmas, be it decorating, lighting candles, hosting carol services, stacking chairs, singing, inviting their friends, unstacking chairs, posting flyers, serving at the Christmas lunch, stacking chairs again. In all, 900 people came through our doors between Christmas Eve at 3pm and Christmas Day midday; a further 3,000 people attended carol services in the run up to Christmas. This has involved an awful lot of work. Thank you to all.

Admission to Communion for children: This term, on five Saturday mornings, time tbc, we will be offering classes for children who are too young to be confirmed but old enough to have an awareness of what communion is and a desire to receive. Broadly speaking, this is for 7 year olds and older. The dates are not fixed, but there will be a service towards the start of March where these children are formally 'admitted' to communion. There will be five classes for just under an hour, run by Anne Barker. Talk to Robert to find out more.

Winter Night shelter is being held at St Mark's church; the dates when we will be providing volunteers are February 5,12,19. For more details about volunteering please contact Jane Kosa at jane.kosa@hotmail.co.uk or 02075205915. All volunteers need to attend a training course: there is one on 26 Jan at St Mark's church in the evening. Again, speak to Jane for more details on this.

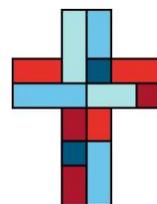
Spire and Tower Parish magazine is now available on the church website under the 'News' tab. Previous copies of the magazine can also be easily accessed here. Copies are also for sale at church for £1.00.

Wine tasting: On Friday 27 January Robert Stanier will lead a wine-tasting in **St Mark's Hall at 7.30pm** to raise money for our charity of the month. This will be a free event, but those attending will be encouraged to give at least £10 to the UK Friends of the Shepherd's Hospice in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Please let Peter Stokes know if you will be coming so that the right amount of wine can be provided. You can contact him at prpstokes@btinternet.com or on 8399 2527.

Reading group meeting on Tuesday 10th January has been cancelled. Next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21 February 2017**. Books to be discussed are 'The Woman in White' by Wilkie Collins and 'My Brilliant Friend' by Elena Ferrante.

Funeral arrangements for **Jean Wrench** will be confirmed as soon as the coroner releases her body to be picked up from hospital: the complications have been because she was admitted to hospital with a broken leg but died from something else. It is likely to be in St Mark's church towards the end of January.

The funeral of the late **Morwenna Gough** will take place at St Mark's church on **Tuesday 10th January at 2pm**. At the family's request, David Gerrard will be the officiant.



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 8th January 2017 Epiphany

Services Today

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
9.15	Family Worship – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club and Baptism– <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Compline– <i>St Andrew's</i>

Monday Parish Sabbath Office Closed

Open normal hours the rest of the week.

Monday

*Tuesday 8.50 Morning Prayer – St Mark's
14.00 Funeral of the late Morwenna
Gough –St Mark's*

*Wednesday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Andrew's
10.00 Sunbeams –St Mark's
20.00 PCC meeting–St Mark's*

*Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's
10.30 Holy Communion– St Mark's*

*Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- St
Andrew's*

Saturday

A very warm welcome to our Church today. We especially welcome the family and friends of Charlotte as she is baptized this morning at St Andrew's. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.

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FOR YOUR PRAYER: Requests for Healing Prayer to be made to the parish office; names will remain on the list for one month unless a new request is made.

For healing: Sue Paine Rosa Panton Iain Jones
John Barnes Moira Frau Jo Norman Harry Cornell Mary
Rice Theodore Shah Tracy Calviou Michael Naylor
Daniel White Robin Pellatt Lucy-May Watson
Nancy Vlasto Susan Hagar

RIP: Morwenna Gough Jean Wrench

Year's Mind: Beryl Walsh Natasha Logan
Damien Logan Beatrice Hooper Joan Rowan Jeffrey Hobley
Julie Stringer

*There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet;
this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns; you will also need a New English Hymnal*

Hymns NEH

Music Setting **Missa Brevis-WILLS (Gloria -Mathias)**

Introit **The Messiahmas Carol -Dauermann**

Introit hymn **47** As with gladness men of old

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.

Today's themes

The epiphany or 'revelation' is about recognizing the meaning of the fact that Jesus Christ has been born: this is what the magi do when they see the Christ child. They don't just visit; they kneel and worship. They find a meaning beyond the birth of a human child: they 'realise' this. Epiphany also carries the meaning of personal revelation, as Paul received on the road to Damascus and he refers to in Ephesians. The Isaiah reading is more tangentially relevant to epiphany, but clearly light reveals what is already true more than darkness.

First Reading

Reader

Isaiah 60.1 - 6

Olga Wickenden

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift 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.
Then 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.
A 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.

Gradual

Psalms 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you ¹ powers of ¹ heaven, ☐
ascribe to the ¹ Lord ¹ glory and ¹ strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour ¹ due to his ¹ name; ☐
worship the ¹ Lord • in the ¹ beauty of ¹ holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of ¹ glory ¹ thunders; ☐
the Lord is up¹on the ¹ mighty ¹ waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in ¹ oper¹ation; ☐
the voice of the Lord ¹ is a ¹ glorious ¹ voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord ¹ breaks the ¹ cedar trees; ☐
the Lord ¹ breaks the ¹ cedars of ¹ Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon ¹ skip like a ¹ calf ☐
and Sirion ¹ like a ¹ young wild ¹ ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord ¹ shakes the ¹ wilderness; ☐
the Lord ¹ shakes the ¹ wilderness of ¹ Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests ¹ bare; ☐
in his ¹ temple ¹ all cry, ¹ 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned a¹bove the ¹ water flood; ☐
the Lord sits enthroned as ¹ king for ¹ ever¹more.
- 10 The Lord shall give ¹ strength to his ¹ people; ☐

the Lord shall give his ¹ people the ¹ blessing of ¹ peace.

Second Reading

Reader

Ephesians 3.1- 12

Linda Taylor

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

Matthew 2.1-12

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.

Address

Rev'd Robert Stanier

Baptism of Charlotte

Offertory Hymn

28 In the bleak midwinter

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently.

Communion Hymn

51 Hail, the source of every blessing

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing as directed by the Churchwardens. We will receive in two lines, as usual.

Notices and banns

At the dismissal

49 Brightest and best

Next week's readings

Isaiah 49.1-7
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1 29-42

