

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday 6th January, 2019

10. 30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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René and 'still the present Mrs. Kaiser'
who celebrated their 52nd Wedding anniversary
on Friday

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After the Parish Eucharist we serve refreshments. Do join us.

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Welcome to our Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Paul

Organist: David Hansell

Reading: James Cordy

Intercession: Alice Taylor-Bowers and Rachel Lees

Introductory organ music
Passacaglia in D minor - Dieterich Buxtehude

Please stand when the bell rings for the beginning of the service

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 36 Traditional

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

2 They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night: Chorus

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wheresoever it went: Chorus

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay: Chorus

5 Then entered in those Wise Men Three,
full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense: Chorus

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath brought:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We confess our sins – Saying sorry to God

A sentence is used before each of these responses

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

The Gloria O&N 964

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;

We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise

R

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord, God, Lamb of God,

You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all. R

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,

For you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord. R

Glory, Father and Son, glory, Holy Spirit,

To you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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 Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 40
William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) and others**

- 1** **What child is this, who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him praise
the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

- 2** **Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
come, have no fear, God's son is here,
his love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Saviour comes,,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

- 3** **So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him:
Raise, raise the song on high
while Mary sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
the Babe, the Son of Mary.**



The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

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.

At the end all say
Praise to thee, O Christ.

Please sit

The Address

Please stand

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Please kneel or sit

Those who are in particular need

*Michael Batchelor, Jane Easterbrook, Peter
Coleman, Ann Taylor, Ron Jones, Sam Cooper, Ryan Nichols, Jack,
Emmett and Anne Godden*



Pray to rest in Peace: *Mildred Surry, Richard Stoneham and Beryl
Gouldthorpe*

Anniversary of death:

Laura Richardson, Jill Scrase, Ray Spiers, Stuart Brown, Jeanie Hobbs, Alistair Reid-Thomas, John Dunphy, Skye-Maria Nichols, Hugh Brenton, Emma Ireland

Together with the other Churches in Pulborough, we pray for those who live and work in Station Road, Swan Corner, Arun Prospect, Riverside Court/The Willows, Waters Edge, Lyntons, Cobbetts Mews Bartram Close, Church Hill, Church Place, Old Rectory Lane

The following response is said:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 47
William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesu, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluyas to our King.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Question: Why is it right to give thanks and raise?
Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

The Sanctus and Benedictus O&N 971 John Ballantine (born 1945)

1 **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty!
Who was and is, and is to come;
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

2 **Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Our Lady, St. Richard and St. Wilfrid and all your
saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On the earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever, and for ever and ever. Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**



- 1 O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

- 2 O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches
are welcome to receive communion.*

*Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing;
if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed)*

Choir Anthem sung with the Children's Choir

Words: St Bede

Music: Traditional French

*A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*How bless'd is the birth of her heavenly child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of Creation and Saviour of all.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
All repeat: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

**Communion Hymn: O&N 724
John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891)**

The Kings

- 1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:
*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.***

Melchior

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again-
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign:**

Chorus

Caspar

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh:
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God most high: ***Chorus***

Balthazar

- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb: ***Chorus***

All

- 5 Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia,
earth to heaven replies:
*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

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**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to
be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Any notices will be given out.

Please stand

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: NEH 49
Reginald Heber (1783-1826)**

- 1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**
- 3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,**

myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

- 4 **Vainly we offer each humble oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

- 5 **Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**



Concluding organ music
Toccata in G - Theodore Dubois

Fr Paul would like to express his thanks to all those in our church who worked so hard in preparation for the Christmas festival and over the Christmas period itself. He particularly thanks those who worked behind the scenes on the practical arrangements; setting out and stacking chairs, lighting etc and to the Churchwardens who oversaw all this. Also thanks to Ann for all the extra work in the office producing the various Orders of Service .

On a personal note Fr Paul would like to thank members of the congregation for their cards, greetings and gifts as well as their encouragement over the festive period. It has been a good Christmas at St Mary's with good numbers at all the services. We pray that God will continue to bless our work in Christ's name in this new year, as we each renew our sense of what God has called us to, as His people in this place.

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 7th January:

Feria

10am to 12noon The HUB at Pulborough Library -'Drop in'
for local information, refreshments, chat and advice.

7.30pm Tower Bellringing

Tuesday 8th January:

Feria

Wednesday 9^h January:

Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

11.15 am The Holy Eucharist at The Anchorage

12noon Funeral of Mildred Surry R.I.P.

Thursday 10th January:

Feria

1.30pm Ladybirds

7pm Deanery Chapter Meeting

Friday 11th January: *Feria*

12noon The Holy Eucharist

7pm Handbell ringing practice

Saturday 12th January

St. Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 1167

Sunday 13th January

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said

10.30am THE SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings for both services: Isaiah 43. 1-7 and Luke 3. 15-17. 21-22

MILDRED SURRY R.I.P.

Many of you will have heard that Mildred Surry died just before Christmas. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church for many years and a handbell ringer. Her funeral is **this Wednesday 9th January at 12noon** here in church and we hope as many people will come as possible. We hope to follow the service with refreshment in church and recall memories of dear Mildred.

LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2019

Thank you so much to all those who sponsored the pew leaflets during this year. It so helps us to offset the cost of paper and printing. During 2018 we covered all but 5 of the Sundays and all our Christmas services were sponsored which was wonderful. We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible. If you have any special dates coming up in 2019 to mark an anniversary or in remembrance of a loved one, please consider sponsoring the pew leaflets Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

ST. MARY'S FLOWER ARRANGERS

Pauline Adsett, Joyce Broadribb and Bridget Allfrey on behalf of all the St. Mary's Flower Arrangers would like to say a 'huge thank-you' for all the donations towards the Christmas flowers. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

ST. MARY'S BELLS 100 CLUB

There is just **ONE** number left for the 2019 St. Mary's Bells 100 Club. If you feel 44 is your lucky number do speak to **Ian Cockburn on 01798 813102** as soon as possible for more details. The cost of an entry is £4.00 per month

JANUARY COMMUNITY MAGAZINES

Copies of the January edition of the Pulborough Community magazines are now on sale at the back of the Church price 50p

FAIR TRADE STALL

Miq Kelland will be back on Sunday 3rd of February with the FairTrade stall.