

Information about the Sunday services

Today

8.30am Holy Eucharist

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

Opening Hymn	All that I am - 8
Offertory Hymn	We three kings - 277
Communion Hymn	A man there lived - 1
	I will offer up ,my life
	<i>See sheet</i>
Final Hymn	Come on and celebrate - 44

No Evening Worship

Next Week

Sunday 13th January 2019

The Baptism of Christ

8.30am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

No Evening Worship

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ALLERGY ADVICE:

Please be aware that communion wafers contain Gluten, and the Sacramental Wine contains Sulphur Dioxides & Sulphites (all wines do)

Please send notices for future bulletins to victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com or to my home address, 87 Cedar Way, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4SH by **WEDNESDAY** evening.
Thank you.

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Welcome to Abington Church



EPIPHANY

6TH JANUARY
2019

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This Week

There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday until further notice.

Monday 7th January

NO Morning Prayer

Tuesday 8th January

NO Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9th January

NO Morning Prayer

Thursday 10th January

10.00am Holy Eucharist

Enquiries for Weddings and Baptisms

Enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, Banns etc. can be booked via the Parish Office:
abingtonchurch286@btinternet.com

If you are visiting us today for the first time, you are most welcome and we hope you enjoy the worship. The tower room at the back of the church is available during the services for young children and parents, if required. Primary school children are invited to join in the Sunday school activities, which takes place in church during the 10.00am service. Younger children are also welcome to join Sunday school, as long as they are accompanied by a parent. For information, there is a toilet at the back of the church.

Hearing Aid Users can tune in to the services on the 'T' position.

Do ask a member of the congregation if you need any help during the service.

If you would like make a donation to the running of the church, you are invited to put your offering in a yellow envelope, which you will find on the pews. Your donation can be gift aided if you print your name, full address including postcode, and sign the envelope and then we are able to reclaim the tax. Thank you.

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.

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.

Slippery paths in the winter

If you arrive at church on a Sunday and find the path is treacherous because of snow and ice, then please (if you are able) help everyone by spreading some of the grit/salt that is kept in a bucket in the porch on affected areas.

The sidesmen may do this when they can, but as they are usually busy, they would appreciate help. Thank you, Andrew Munns.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

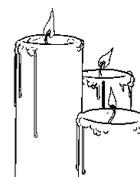
In your prayers this week, please pray for all Christians and for The Church in New Zealand and Polynesia and their Bishops.

In our local community, please pray for Mothers' Union members in the Northampton Deanery, the residents of Norman Road, and the governors, staff, parents and pupils of Malcolm Arnold Academy.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Jim Wishart, Eleanor Parker, Michael Aiers, Nikki Pearcey, Sarah Raven, John Stewart, Rachel Waters, David Adams, Verity and Ellen.

Your prayers are requested for the following people who have long term health conditions, are increasingly frail, or are unable to get to church:
Brenda Wilson and Frank Knight.

Please also pray for the faithful departed, and for Hilda Andrews, Thomas Billingham, John Crook, Samir Philobos, Ida Ansell, Rev. Nicholas Webb, Irene Earle, Pat Cutler, Barrie Clarke, and all those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time.



Intercessions for people in need

If you, or someone you know, would like to be prayed for, please would you let either Victoria or Cathy Tinsley (07516979223) know and we will add the person to the Sunday intercessions. Thank you.

Vacancy

Please note that during the Vacancy nothing should be removed from any of the drawers, cupboards etc without consultation with the Churchwardens. This is to comply with the rules governing the said Vacancy. Thank you, Dianne & Donald.

Gospel Reading

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.

Forthcoming Dates.

Mothers' Union Deanery New Year Get Together

On **Saturday 12th January**, Abington Mothers' Union are hosting the annual Deanery New Year Get Together at the Parish Rooms from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Members from all the branches in the deanery have been invited. In previous years about 60 members have joined together for a time of fellowship, fun and food. I am hoping that many of our own branch members will be able to attend to help welcome our guests and with the serving of tea and refreshments. We request that all those attending bring some food to share. Caroline has kindly offered to do another quiz for us to enjoy. It would help with the planning if members could let Cathy know TODAY if you are able to come. Thank you.

All Mothers' Union Members

Annual subs are due once again and I should appreciate if they can be paid any time after 13th and before the end of the month of January. This year subscriptions are £20.; if you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Abington Church MU, or those of you paying cash, please give it to me in an envelope with your name on. Many thanks. Jeanette Mallard.

Norwich Cathedral

The choir are singing Evensong in Norwich Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd March** and would be pleased if members of the congregation would like to join them for the day. We are expecting to leave Church at 10.00am and return by about 9.00pm. The trip will include a guided tour of the Cathedral and a meal somewhere in Norwich after evensong. Please let Tim Dolan know if you would like to book a place on the coach.

General Notices

Thank you

Revd Chrys and the churchwardens would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure that the church was prepared and that services ran well over Christmas. We know who some of you are, but others simply did things quietly behind the scenes. Many thanks to all of you. People who came to the services were very complimentary.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have written to say thank you for the money raised during the recent Poppy

Appeal. £131.44 was collected, which is much more than in previous years. This is probably due to the many people who visited the church to admire the poppy display. Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal - the money will go towards supporting the continuing vital welfare and benevolent work of the organisation.

Psalm 72

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

First 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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

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 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 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.