



**Welcome to St Margaret's Ifield
11am 5th January 2020
First Sunday Service**



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME

Leader: Come and worship Jesus your king,
who receives all that you are and blesses all you can be;
who brings hope where there has been disappointment,
and joy where there has been downheartedness.
Come and worship Jesus your king
and sing your songs of praise.

All: Amen.

BRINGING IN THE MAGI

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.*

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity night.
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worship him, God most high.

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
Earth to heav’n replies.

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(Romans 15:7)*

*O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

John Henry Hopkins 1820-1891

SONG OF PRAISE

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they said that his name was Jesus.

*He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
O yes, believer, O yes believer,
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born
And proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.

*'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)*

*He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
O yes, believer, O yes believer,
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.*

The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born
And they saw that his name was Jesus.

*He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
O yes, believer, O yes believer,
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.*

PRAYER AS THE CHILDREN LEAVE

FIRST READING

Psalm 72:10-14

*'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)*

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

Leader: Lord Jesus,
When our thoughts are only about wealth and fame:

All: Forgive us, and help us take another route.

Leader: When we dominate others and are possessive of our role and status:

All: Forgive us, and help us take another route.

Leader: When we have lost our way and followed too many false stars:

**All: Forgive us, and help us take another route –
One that leads us to your kingdom. Amen.**

Leader: May the God of love
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-12

TALK

SONG

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

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WE BELIEVE

**All: We believe that God is our Father in heaven,
We believe He made the world
We believe that He gives us life,
We believe that He helps us grow.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.
Jesus shows us that God is love;
Jesus lived and died for us.
Jesus is alive now, alive in us and in our neighbour.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who helps us to love others,
who makes us holy, who helps us know God better.**

**We believe in God's family the Church.
We believe that we will be happy with God forever and ever.
Amen.**

SONG OF PRAYER

This is my desire
To honor You
Lord, with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore
Is in You.

*'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)*

Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for you alone
And every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord, have Your ways in me.

This is my desire
To honor You
Lord, with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore
Is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for you alone
Every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord, have Your ways in me.

And I will live
And I will live for You
And I will live
And...

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THE PRAYERS
ending with
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED BACK

SONG

The splendour of the king, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!

'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'
(Romans 15:7)

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God!

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

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THE BLESSING

Leader: May the joy of Christ's birth enrich you,
the humility of Christ's birth empower you,
the faithfulness of the wise men guide you,
the generosity of their gifts inspire you;
and may the light of Christ shine within you
and go before you, today and every day.

All: Amen.

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Leader: We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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!*

They looked 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.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

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 wherever it went.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

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This star drew night 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.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

*From William Sandys' "Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern"
(1833) alt.*

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(Romans 15:7)*

Thank you for being here.

May the peace of Jesus be in your hearts,
and the joy of Jesus on your lips, as you leave this holy place
nourished for the week ahead.

If you would like one of us to pray with you, please come to the south
aisle chapel after the final hymn.

Please come and join us for refreshments at the back of the church.
We would love the chance to get to know each better.

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Notices

Services next Sunday: **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**
Baptism of Christ **FIISH (9.30 am)**
 Sung Eucharist (11 am)

For our prayers

The Parish: Charlwood Road, Camelot Court, Capsey Road and
Climping Road, Charlwood Road, Charlwood Walk
and Cherry Lane

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Sophie,
Christine, Richard Aldridge, Howard Sanders, William
MacKeen, Dorelle Downes, Graham, Angela, Shirley,
Billy, Colin, Sharon and John Hartridge

The Departed: Bill, Brian Durden and John Hopcroft

Year's mind: Myrtle Dearling, Peter Barton, Vicky Martin, Rita
Brackpool, Benjamin Nash, Barbara Afford, Angela
Vallance, Eva Jenner, Olwen Knox-Crawford, Rose
Ransom and Sylvia Morant

Also for our Prayers: That the spirit of Christmas may remain in our hearts
throughout the year

For all who work in the airline industry

Thanksgiving for the police, especially those who
serve us locally

Thanksgiving for the work of St. Catherine's Hospice

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Notices Continued

We are a small group of ladies who regularly meet on Friday mornings to produce new arrangements and maintain those in church. It is really easy to make supermarket flowers into a lovely arrangement following a few simple rules which we would be happy to share with you. The cost of flowers we buy is reimbursed. We are looking for others to help and learn how to create the pedestals etc. If you would like to know more please contact the office or speak to Sue King.

Do You Need Your Winter Fuel Allowance? If not, Becky and the Family Support Work team would love to be able to share it among the needy families in their care. If you would like to donate, please pick up an envelope from the literature table by the north door. Thank you.

Sides Persons / Welcomers Needed – we would love you to be part of our Sides Person and Welcomer team, which is an important and integral part of our services; before, during and after. There is a list of duties already compiled, and you would be given training, so don't worry! The more people we have the easier the rota is to manage and you wouldn't be doing it more than once a month, although there are special services that we will ask for help if you can. If you would like more information or feel called to join the team please speak to me - Ann Rice. Thank you.

Your **used ink jet cartridges** raise money for the church. Please bring them in and put them in the box on the windowsill.

Sunday School - during services on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month there is Sunday School for anyone aged 0-18. If your child is not yet at school you are welcome to take them out to the choir vestry where there are toys and colouring. If your child is at school they will join Naomi during the first hymn and go out to Lychgate to take part in some activities. They will return before the end of the service.

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Squeals - our parent and toddler group meets every Thursday from 10 am in Lychgate.

Youth Clubs - If your child is school year 2-6 then they can join Crazy Christians in church from 6.30 pm – 8 pm, if your child is year 7-11, then they can join Beyond Crazies in Lychgate from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm. For more information see Naomi.

Confirmation Classes - is your child in year 5-11? Are they considering confirmation? If so, speak to Naomi. Confirmation Classes will begin in the New Year on Sundays between 3 pm and 5 pm.

On Saturday 11th January at 2.00 pm In Chichester Cathedral, Karen Kelso Will Be Commissioned By Bishop Martin As An Authorised Lay Minister. With the support of the Ministry Team and the PCC, Karen has been in training for the past year, firstly attending the Diocesan Living Faith course and then specialising in Ministry in the Community. She has recently led a team from St. Margaret's successfully running Christmas Craft Activities at Crawley Open House. Part of her role in the parish will be to encourage us all in reaching out to the local community. Karen would be delighted to see any members of our congregation who would like to attend the service and support her as she takes on this exciting challenge.

The funeral of John Hopcroft is taking place on the 17th of January at 12 pm in church.

SMILE ladies social event – Tickets have been reserved at Hawth Crawley for 'The Sound Of Music' musical on Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.30 pm. Discount tickets are £30 each. Let me know if you would like a ticket for this show - catch me in church most Sundays. All ladies are welcome to attend (and men too!). For further details contact Clare Wilson Email: pccsecretary@ifieldparish.org or 0776 1122 172

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