

**The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood,
Prestwich**



St. Margaret's, Prestwich & St. George's, Simister



**Sunday 7th January -
Epiphany (Celebration of PMP)**

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**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. C Hooley

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. **60.1-6**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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. **2.1-12 - I**

Intercessions Rev Caroline

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Services:

Mon 8th Jan 10.00am Worship Planning Meeting
7.30pm Deanery & Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues 9th Jan 2.00pm Standing Committee
7.00pm Meditation & Peregrini
Weds 10th Jan 10.00am Holy Communion
(followed by Coffee)
11.00am Ministry Meeting
Fri 12th Jan 7.30pm PCC Supper (Vicarage)

Second Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 14th Jan 8.00am Holy Communion (St M's)
9.45am Holy Communion (St M's)
[laying on of Hands]
11.15am Holy Communion/Toy Service (St G's)
3.45pm Service of Wholeness & Healing

Please Pray For:



The Sick

Julie Case, Helena Gittins, Joan, Maureen Jones, Leon Gittins, Alison Gittins, Matilda, Sarah O'Reilly, Felicia Pressman, Lauren Potts, Martine Rammell, Ivorlin Taylor, Richard Styche, Maude Warren, Sean Waghorn, Susan Withers, Alice.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Baby Archie, Elizabeth Ann Beck, Linda Davies, Mark Davies, Marion Dixon, Jo Eardley, Shiela Harrison, David Latham, Simon Lilleywhite, Robert Lyne, Joe Reid, Susan Rowan, Mary Sweeney, Gail Tyldsley,

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

Nellie Boardman, Majorie Gilmore, Gwyn Lewis, Norma Stevenson, Pam Whitfield

Notices:

Social Circle: If anyone is interested in going for a meal on **Thurs 18th Jan 2018**, please sign the list at the back of Church (more details in the January Magazine)

Porch Boxes: items are still required for porch boxes. A full list of items required is displayed in the window of the church office. This includes baked beans, hotdogs, tuna, meatballs, packets of pasta & sauce.

Columbarium Flowers :

Harry Turner	Jan 3rd
Gwyn Nefyn Lewis	Jan 7th
Gladys Simpson	Jan 7th
Dennis O'Connor	Jan 9th

Hymns

Int BCS, We Three Kings
Grad 729, What Child is This
Off BCS, I Saw Three Ships
Song of the Wise Men (Carol & Jennifer)
Comm 750, God's Scripture
Rec BCS, God Rect Ye Merry Gentlemen

Please join us in Church House

Following the 9.45am Service for tea/ coffee and biscuits in a friendly atmosphere. All are welcome.

All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to **David Mcconville** no later than Tuesday please:

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