



# St John the Baptist Hey



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
*Epiphany*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Holy Communion

## **Readings and hymns**

<b>Processional</b>	39	Angels from the realms of Glory
<i>Old Testament</i>		Isaiah 60:1-6
<i>New Testament</i>		Ephesians 3:1-12
<b>Gradual</b>	463	Lord Jesus Christ
<i>Gospel Reading</i>		Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Intercessions</b>		In our need we pray to the Lord
<b>Offertory</b>	705	The first Nowell
<b>Communion</b>	46	As with gladness men of old
	280	Hail to the Lord's anointed
<b>Final</b>	805	We three kings

## **Collect**

Creator of the heavens. Who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Covid restrictions**

Face coverings are once again mandatory in the Church for those over 11 years of age, who do not have an exemption. We also ask for face coverings to be kept when singing during the service and when receiving Holy Communion. Due to the fast pace of the current covid situation, services may change and all changes will be communicated as best as possible.

## **This week**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am Holy Communion

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

7:00pm Come and praise (Dependent on any new covid advice)

## **Our prayers are asked for:**

### **World.**

For all suffering with covid, for those who's lives have been changed by long covid, for an end to the pandemic.

### **Diocese**

Bishops David, Mark, and Mark, Area Dean Revd Daniel Ramble, Lay Chair Liz Dent, Archdeacon David Sharples.

### **Members of our church community**

Jean Smith, Enid Firth, Mary Lawton, Betty Heap, and Olwen Worthington.

### **Day by day**

In memory of Brian Clegg.

### **Years mind**

John Atherton, Brian Royle, Ernest Whittaker, Meg Crook, Marion Davies, Edward Clague, Brian Clegg, Shelia Pollock, Raymond Buckely, and Annie Wolfenden.

### **Short thought**

What strange messengers God chooses for His Gospel – the dark mourning figure in Isaiah; the difficult, touchy Apostle Paul, whose mission often lands him in prison; and the infantile squabbling Christian Church. Which brings us to the wise men who join this group of odd witnesses. We don't know where they came from, just the East, and that they had the authority to call at Herod's palace. What they saw, in the end, cannot be what they were expecting. They were tracking a king, using the stars that they knew so much about to find His location. Imagine their surprise at the vision of what they found - a little child with His mother – not the grandness of a king that was expected perhaps. Or maybe they did know as they paid homage and worshipped without a doubt. The revelation of God's coming is what the season of Epiphany is all about – let these weeks be a fresh revelation of God's love into your hearts also.

*Please send any notices for the pew sheet each week by Wednesday evening via email to Mthr Amy-Elizabeth.*