

Epiphany Message for 2021 from Bishop John

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany it is worth pausing to see how the story of the Wise Men sheds light on our path and helps us to see our calling more clearly.

First, Epiphany speaks about people who went through thick and thin to discover Christ in a turbulent world. As I reflect upon the past nine months, I have seen this happening time and again in parishes across the Archdeaconry. Pastoral care, creative services on site and on line, care for the most vulnerable and giving which enables us to keep going. Thank-you for keeping going through thick and thin. It has been remarkable

Second, Epiphany speaks of discovering Christ in fragility and hiddenness, as the toddler Jesus as part of an ordinary family in the backwaters of the Roman Empire.

In situations like the one we are facing, we often wonder what God is doing. Ultimately only God knows this. However the story of the Epiphany indicates that Christ is to be found in the midst of a turbulent world rather than being outside this world looking in and occasionally jumping in. Epiphany shows us that to redeem the world in a way that loves and respects creation and our freedoms means working inside out rather than outside in; beginning at the bottom rather than taking a top down dominance approach.

Looking ahead we have tough challenges ahead of us as we navigate the turbulence of Covid 19. My prayer for all of you is that you will discover Christ more fully and deeply in this turbulence as you trust and travel towards Christ in our midst. Thank-you for all you are doing. Keep going and keep trusting.

Sunday Reflection: Today's talk on Vimeo is by The Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield. You can find his talk on the Diocese web site and also on vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Privacy Notice: The seating in the side aisles is designated as a "video-free" area, as it is out of the range of our cameras. Any concerns, speak with a Warden.

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will be sharing short reflections throughout January on the theme, 'Our Hope is Found' as the country continues to combat the effects of the global pandemic. His reflections will include a prayer or a poem and the first of this nine part series was released on New Years Day. These reflections can be accessed on the Archbishop of York's website, Facebook page or YouTube.



10th
January
2021

Second
Sunday of
EPIPHANY



St Michael's Church, Malton

The Church in the Market Place

*We are a church, who invites and welcomes others,
to journey together, growing in our love of Christ
and deepening our relationship with Him.*

Welcome to our Parish Communion service in church. If you are not able to attend in person, the service will be transmitted via Zoom. You will need this software installed and working on a tablet or a PC with camera and mic. You will receive a link to the service by email each week.

FACE COVERINGS - must be worn by all attending church, whether for a service or just visiting. Please remember your mask when coming to church & remember social distancing at all times.

Collect

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him
to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the
Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself
as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to everyone who contributed to the collection at the Christingle & Crib service. Our Treasurer is sending £92 to The Children's Society, who more than ever need to help vulnerable children in lockdown.

During Communion the choir will sing "Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day" by John Gardner. At the end of the service, Alison will play a Choral Prelude on "Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern" by JS Bach.



BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 1
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Almond Tree Avenue, Broughton Road, Hamilton Green, Milton Road, Princess Road and The Shambles.

Would you like **Archbishop Steven** to pray for you or someone you know? If so, send in a request to Bishopthorpe Palace. He will then pray, with support from nuns of The Order of the Holy Paraclete in Whitby. Prayer requests can be made by emailing 'Prayer Request' to: office@archbishopofyork.org Alternatively, post your request to: "Prayers", Office of Archbishop of York, Bishopthorpe Palace, Bishopthorpe, York, YO23 2GE.



Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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READINGS & DUTIES 17th Jan Baptism of Christ

Readings: I Samuel 3. 1-10,
Revelation 5. 1-10
John I. 43-51
Duty Leader Rob Hall
Assistant Tracey Young
Sidesperson David White
Readers: Rob Hall
David White
Intercessions: Alan Young
Flowers: Anne Bell

SERVICES

Morning Prayer is said at 9 am every morning via Zoom.
Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.
Evening Prayer is said at 7:15 pm on Tuesdays via Zoom.
Parish Communion on Sundays at 9.30 am in church.
PCC Meeting on Tuesday at 7.15 pm on Zoom.
Funeral on Friday 15th at 10.30 am for Shirley Irene Shaw

Services at St Mary's Priory
Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 9.00 am.
Northumbria Community Prayer on Thursdays at 10.00 am.
Matins on Sundays at 11.15 am.
The church is open daily 10am to 4pm.

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU to Revd Canon Simon for preaching the sermon this Sunday.

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
Genesis 1.1-5

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.
Acts 19.1-7

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1. 4-11