

THE BENEFICE OF SOUTH FRAMLAND & THE HIGH FRAMLAND PARISH

# The Parish Bulletin

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE VILLAGES OF BRANSTON, BUCKMINSTER, COSTON, CROXTON KERRIAL, EDMONDTHORPE, GARTHORPE, HARSTON, KNIPTON, SALTBY, SAXBY, SEWSTERN, SPROXTON, STAPLEFORD, WYFORDBY AND WYMONDHAM



**The Epiphany**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

## Gathering Sentence

Isaiah 60.1

Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

## The 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.**

(or)

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.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72.10-15

*Refrain: Kings shall fall down before him; [all nations shall do him service].*

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long. **R**



## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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 to 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 to 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his star at its rising,  
and have come to pay him homage.

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2.1-12

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Communion Sentence**

cf. Matthew 2.2

We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**



## PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

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Here are a couple of prayers you might like to use as we begin a New Year.

*O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course: forgive our impatience, perfect our faith and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Eternal Lord God, we give you thanks for bringing us through the changes of time to the beginning of another year: forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that is past, and help us to spend the rest of our days to your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER BY ZOOM

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Apologies to those who would like the Zoom services on Sunday evenings to continue. I've taken the decision to have a break from our Sunday services of Evening Prayer between the New Year and Lent, with the hope of creating time and space for me to work and plan for the year ahead.

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## CHURCH SERVICES—WHERE AND WHEN

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Please do read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the parish bulletin as it comes out each week, not least so you have the most up-to-date information of where and when services are going to be. Please do keep an eye out for changes as we continue to journey together through the pandemic.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

*The Epiphany*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Baptism of Christ*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Knipton

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Buckminster

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Harston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

*The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

10:30 am Benefice Service | Sproxton

11:00 am Holy Communion | Sewstern

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Conversion of Paul*

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

**PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET AWAY WITH YOU.**