



## ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

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### 7 January 2018, The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord."**

**PLEASE PRAY** for Gordon Pratten who is unwell, and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including Patricia Holden and Don McIntyre. May they rest in peace.

#### A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE – THIS YEAR IS A YEAR OF MISSION

There are so many images before our eyes at the Epiphany Wise men and their gifts feed our imaginings as to who this child truly is. Herod's curiosity speaks, ironically, of our own desire to find the child who holds life's meaning and promise. But it's the light of the star that can be easily overlooked... but not just the fact that its bright: it guides. This New Year and, indeed, this Year of Mission invite us to consider how we might be leading others towards Christ. Do we lead people towards him because of who we are, because of who we seek to be? In all we do for Christ – in our words and actions – let's seek to satisfy the curiosity of those who are truly searching. Let's allow them to encounter, truly encounter, the Christ in us, the Christ who draws all peoples to the love he reaches out to bring.



#### FREE DIARIES AND CALENDARS

There are free 2018 parish diaries available in the porch. They give essential contact numbers, liturgical seasons etc. Please help yourself. Also you'll find a basket containing various charities' calendars. If you would like one of these please do take it, and if you have unwanted 2018 calendars, please recycle them here. Thank you.

#### CRIB OFFERING

This year's Crib Offerings will be sent to the Good Counsel Network, a charity which helps mothers in a practical way who have been abandoned because of their decision to keep their child.

#### LEGION OF MARY

Members of the Legion are happy to visit house bound or lonely people. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let Margaret van Eyken (Tel: 345526) or any Legion member know.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Many thanks for those who have enrolled their children for First Holy Communion. If there are any more, then please speak to Fr Bede.

He is also collecting names of young adults 13+ who wish to be confirmed. At the moment, he just needs names and contact details, and will put together the course and the confirmation date. Please contact Fr Bede on [bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bede.rowe@cliftondiocese.com)

**TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED** : see letter on pin board in the porch.

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 7 – 14 January 2018

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|------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Sun  | The Epiphany of the Lord             | Exposition 8.15 – 8.45am, Mass at 9.00am |
| Mon  | The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | No Service                               |
| Tue  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | No Service                               |
| Wed  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | No Service                               |
| Thur | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | No Service                               |
| Fri  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | No Service                               |
| Sat  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | No Service                               |
| Sun  | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time       | Mass at 9.00am                           |

*Sunday Mass at St Mary's, Glastonbury, Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 11.00am and 6.00pm (Latin).*

#### FROM THE ROTAS

##### TODAY 7 January

**The Eucharist** Dcn Richard, F Moreland, C Rossiter

**The Word** Edward Moreland, Michael Smith

**Coffee** Danuta Szablewska

##### THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY : 8 - 14 January

**Cleaning** Alice Bevan and helpers

**Flowers** Lucy Harris

**Welcome** Christine Davies

**The Word** Tom Yardley, Caroline Hutton

**The Eucharist** Dcn Richard, C Davies, T Horten-Smith

**Coffee** Jane and Gerald Andrews

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** on 24th December = £140.35 (incl. £17.00 gift aided)

and on 31st December = £200.15 (incl. £14.00 gift aided) Thank you.

#### PARISH DIARY

Thu 11 Jan 1.45-2.30pm Mothers Prayers in the parish room

Wed 17 Jan 7.30pm Christians Together meeting in the parish room (No Legion of Mary meeting)

Fri 19 Jan Fabric and Finance meeting postponed

#### INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a deceased relative or friend, or for any other intention, simply place a donation in an envelope (£5, £10 etc), put the details of the intention on the front of the envelope and hand it to Fr Bede. If you wish to send a card to the recipient or their family; Frances Moreland has some Mass cards in her Pathway shop.

#### FUNDRAISING 2018

Fundraising is an important part of parish life, not just financially, but socially too. We need to have a little get together to pool ideas for the coming year, so please think about what events you would like to see happen, and better still, what you might be able to help organise. Please come round for Coffee after Mass next Sunday and bring your diary to agree a date/time for a brain storming meeting.

#### PARISH ROOM DOOR CODE CHANGED

The code for the parish room door has been changed. Jacky, Fr Bede or Anitra have the new code. Please also be aware that there is a problem with the door being left insecure. Be sure to test the small handle of the digital door lock to check as you leave. Thank you.

#### PIGEON HOLES

Do remember to check your pigeon hole in the church porch for greetings cards, rotas etc.

#### PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Please don't park in the numbered spaces during the week, Monday to Saturday inclusive – these are all rented out now and their users are understandably irritated if their space is taken. Thank you.

**Bulletin News** Please send any items for inclusion by the Thursday before publication to Jacky Tucker 01749 830695, email: [jax.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:jax.tucker@btinternet.com)

**Gift Aid it** If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435