

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

WELCOME

Epiphany

to

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



### 9.45 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

Introit Hymn	91	Offertory Hymn	83
Psalms	72 vv 10-15	Communion Hymn	72
Gradual Hymn	85	Final Hymn	84

Communion Setting : *New Peoples Mass – Dom Gregory Murray*

Readings : *Isaiah 60 vv 1-6*  
*Ephesians 3 vv 1-12*  
*Matthew 2 vv 1-12*

Reader : Sally Firth  
Intercessions : Charlotte Beer  
Sidesmen : Christine Shelton and Ellen Smyth  
Tea & Coffee : Beryl Field and Beryl Fletcher

*Everyone is invited into the Social Room for refreshments after the morning service.*

### 3.00 p.m. MESSY CHURCH

**N.B. There will be NO evening service today**

*The music played before and after the services is offered as part of our worship. Please use it respectfully as a time of preparation before and reflection after the service.*

## 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.

## Reflection - Epiphany

When a burning, shining, dancing light, imprisoned in darkness, escapes its horizon. When life outleaps its limits, enters into the unknown, sketching out the possible lyric truth. Like sacred music, something as yet unheard bursts forth, like a shard of absolute beauty refracted into this present imperfect world, breaking through boundaries, holding open the space between conscious and unconscious thought.

A space is cleared, something new survives of the ineffable divine, of beauty drawing to itself; but then return us, too soon seemingly abandoned, to aching consciousness.

*David Hodges*

## NEXT WEEK

(See also Notice Board at side of Main Door for midweek service details etc.)

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 4.30 p.m. | Church open until 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer at approx. 5.15 p.m.  |
|                  | 7.30 p.m. | P.C.C. Meeting preceded at 7p.m. by a Said Eucharist   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 2.30 p.m. | Community Tea  |
|                  | 4.30 p.m. | Church open until 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer at approx. 5.15 p.m.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 4.30 p.m. | Church open until 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer at approx. 5.15 p.m.  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7.30 p.m. | Choir Practice   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9.45 a.m. | Family Eucharist<br>Readings : <i>1 Samuel 3 vv 1-10</i><br><i>Revelation 5 vv 1-10</i><br><i>John 1 vv 43-end</i><br>Reader : Mary Bucknell<br>Intercessions : Linda Mackay<br>Sidesmen : Pat Gregory and Linda Mackay<br>Tea & Coffee : Anne Chapman and Gaynor Lowe |
|                  | 4.30 p.m. | Evensong<br>First Lesson : <i>Isaiah 60 vv 9-end</i><br>Second Lesson : <i>Hebrews 6 v 17 - 7 v 10</i>   |

## **Mile of Pennies**

Some of you will be aware that Maralyn collects pennies from members of the congregation which she saves until just before the Autumn Fair when the amount collected over the year is added to the Autumn Fair total.

You may find the following information quite interesting:

*There are 79,200 pennies in a mile and since 2004 we have raised £1,775.00 which is amazing! We are just £7 short of reaching two and a quarter miles which equates to 14.3 metres or in 'old money' 558 inches. Maralyn wonders if we could reach the two and a quarter mile target by the end of January – that's just 700 pennies.*

## **Saturday Drop-In**

We are asking for some volunteers to serve tea, coffee and biscuits from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Social Room during the next few months. If you are able to help please enter your name in the appropriate slot on the rota in the Social Room. If you would like to help but have not done it before and would like more information please see either Brenda Green or Claire Warsop.

## **St. John's Calendars 2018**

St. John's Calendars for 2018 are still available to buy at £5 each.

## **Iona Pilgrimage 2018**

This will be from 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April. There are still 3 vacancies if anyone else would like to go (a twin room and one sharing with someone else). If you would like further details please see Canon Elaine.

## **Contacting Canon Elaine**

If you need to contact Canon Elaine other than the Sunday services or when the church is open during the week this can be done as follows:

'phone : 07749 867347 or e-mail : [canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com](mailto:canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com).

## **St. John's Church Website**

The church website can be accessed at [www.stjohnsmillstreet.org](http://www.stjohnsmillstreet.org)

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

### **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting**

This will be held in the Social Room and preceded at 7 p.m. by a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

### **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 p.m. Community Tea**

This will be held in the Social Room as usual. Please let others know of this who do not usually see the weekly notices.

### **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 6.00 p.m. Overseas Student Evening**

### **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January Candlemas**

9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer

4.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 7 for 7.15 p.m. Film Night in the Social Room**

The film will be “Sunshine on Leith“. The film is directed by Dexter Fletcher and is described “as a jubilant, heartfelt musical about the power of love, home and family, adapted from the acclaimed stage musical by Stephen Greenhorn and features music of The Proclaimers.

**Save the Date – Friday/Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July**

With these Notices or in the pews you will find a “Save the Date” card. This is an advanced notice of St. John’s “Camping Weekend“. Not too many years ago the Camping Weekend was an annual event (involving children of all ages!) We are planning one this year to mark St. John’s 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The likely location will be a site near to Whatstandwell, but this will be confirmed. The weekend will involve gathering on the Friday afternoon/evening; a walk on the Saturday, a barbeque on Saturday evening to which those who are not camping are invited to share with the campers; a time for reflection on Sunday morning; departing after lunch and some final “field activities“. More details will be announced later, but for now “SAVE THE DATE”.

**The Mission of St. John’s Church**

To be a caring community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ;  
sharing in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
and to love our neighbour, having the Eucharist at the centre of our worship