



St John's Parish Church, Baildon

We have seen his
star in the east,
and are come to
worship him.

Matthew 2:2



Epiphany Celebration!
Sunday 5th January 2025

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Hymn

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and join the celebration,
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.

Come and join the celebration

Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star,
kneel in homage,
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

Come and join the celebration

'God is with us,'
round the world the message bring;
He is with us,
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

Come and join the celebration

All Lord Jesus, the wise men followed a star to come and worship you. As we offer you the gift of our worship, may we meet with you this morning. Amen

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

We light all the Advent Candles and the Christ-light

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth

All Jesus is our King.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

All Jesus is our Way.

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

Wise men from the east worshipped Jesus and brought their gifts. We, too, have gifts but have not offered them to you or used them for you. We, too, have said you are a King, but have not served you as we should. And so we confess our sins:

All Lord Jesus forgive us and help us

When our trust is less than certain

All Lord Jesus forgive us and help us

When our love is less than bright

All Lord Jesus forgive us and help us

When our prayer is less than frequent

All Lord Jesus forgive us and help us

May we, like the wise men, who were once far away from Jesus, be brought nearer to him, who gives us forgiveness and peace. May God forgive you and bring you to his light.

All Amen.

Clues to find our hidden people and Jesus!

Reading - Listen to this promise that God makes us, which is found in the Bible in the book of Jeremiah:

When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.

Hymn

**In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Belovèd
with a kiss.**

**What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.**

**Who and what helps you deepen your relationship
with Jesus?**

BAPTISM WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are
all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are
children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM - The 3 Kings by Peter Cornelius

PRAYERS

For our prayers we will using our stars we started earlier. Do think and pray about the question 'who and what helps you deepen your relationship with Jesus' and when you have completed your stars you are invited to bring them forward and place them in front of our crib scene. We bring them forward in an attitude of prayer as we bring ourselves afresh to Jesus at the start of this new year, renewing our desire to know Jesus better.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN *(during this hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the Parish. There will be a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you prefer to donate in this way.)*

**We three kings of Orient are
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star**

***O Star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.**

O Star of wonder, star of night

**Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.**

O Star of wonder, star of night,....

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes of life of gathering gloom
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

O Star of wonder, star of night,.....

**Glorious now behold him arise
king and God and sacrifice
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia',
'Alleluia,' the earth replies.**

*O Star of wonder, star of night
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

As the wise men were led by the light of a star, may you, as St Paul says, 'shine as stars in the sky', and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

All Amen.

The Light has pierced our darkness.

Go in the name of God - to follow that light.

All We follow with our gifts and our lives.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS - Tea and coffee are available in the Hall after this service.

MESSY CHURCH - Our next Messy Church session will be on Sunday 19th January at 4.00pm. We meet in the hall and all families are welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - We re-open on Wednesday 8th January 2025 from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church is on Wednesday 8th January. Everyone is welcome.

CAROLYN AND NIC, Parish Nursing Service wish you a healthy 2025. A reminder that a drop-in clinic runs at St James most Wednesdays in term time 10am to 12pm or contact for a home visit on 0773 5297966 or nurse@parishofbaildon.uk Support with short or long term conditions, disease prevention and management, medication advice, blood pressure and weight monitoring, listening, advocacy, signposting and prayer are offered. The service is accredited by Parish Nursing Ministries UK, works alongside NHS colleagues and is free of charge, confidential and available to those of all faiths or none. If you or someone you know could benefit, we look forward to working with you towards optimal health in body, mind and spirit in 2025.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY helps children and young people realise their futures by being there when no one else is. We know that there is a mental health and wellbeing crisis among children and young people in need. The Children's Society offers listening and encouragement to enable them to reach their goals. This is our charity of the month for January. You can make a donation by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference CHNSOC. You may also have Christingle collection candles at home which you can return to worship this month.

SANDRA AND RUTH would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

YOUNG AT HEART - At our next meeting of St Hugh's Over 60s group Young at Heart on Monday 6th January (2pm to 4pm), local PC Beth and PCSO Fay will be talking about scams and doorstep alerts. They have first-hand knowledge of the latest threats, particularly to older adults. Also Paula Truman will be giving a funny talk about Dry January. There is a serious side but we will also be trying to play catch whilst wearing 'Beer Goggles' (no beer included!). Everyone is welcome. £2 per session which includes refreshments. Join us at St Hugh's in the Meeting Room.

Giving to the Parish

You can help to **make a difference** to support the work of our parish. We've made it easier for you to help, you can now donate in more ways to suit you:



VIA THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME



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