

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship  
**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard 2pm Monday Group  
7pm Bellringing 8pm Mandolin Monday  
**Tuesday** 12noon Jazz 6.30-7:15pm Wedding  
Bookings 7:30pm PCC Meeting 7:30pm  
Accordion Band  
**Wednesday** - 9:30am Cleaning 9:30 Annual  
Gutter maintenance of Church and Vicarage  
12noon Words and Music 1.30pm Knitting  
**Thursday** 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz  
8pm Worship Team Practice  
**Friday** 10am Let's Go 7pm St John's Singers  
**Saturday** Grundon room hire.

### Services:

Early Morning: 8am, 8.30am  
Mid-Morning: 9.30am Songs of Praise  
10-11am Welcome, Worship,  
Word & Communion  
Late Morning: 11.45am, 12pm  
with lunch @ 12.30pm

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Sunday 6th January 2019

Welcome to St. John's. We hope you  
enjoy worshipping with us.

### Theme: The Epiphany

### Readings:

#### Matthew 2:1-12

#### The Magi Visit the Messiah

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

#### Isaiah 60:1-6. The Glory of Zion

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the LORD rises upon you



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and his glory appears over you.  
Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
All assemble and come to you;  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the hip.  
Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.  
Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.  
And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

**Question/Point to Ponder?** What leads you to Jesus? Do you come with gifts or empty-handed?

## Today-

**Coffee is served by:** Liz and Diana

**Prayer Ministry available** in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

**Today's Communion bread and wine** has been kindly donated by Bill and Linda White in thanksgiving of their 64th Anniversary which was on 1st January.

**For your prayers:** Members of the PCC who will be meeting on Tuesday 8th January.

**Theme for January and February:**  
**Deep and Wide in Luke.** Over the next two months we will be diving into passages from Luke:

6th Jan– The Epiphany.

13th Jan– Simeon and Anna.

20th Jan– Jesus' Baptism.

27th Jan—Sermon of Nazareth.

3rd Feb—Fish for People.

10th Feb—Transfiguration of Jesus.

17th Feb -Raising the widow's Son.

24th Feb Forgiven at Jesus' Feet.

## ECO News



**Did you know:** 1 recycled drinks can save enough energy to charge 65 smart phones, 1 recycled banana skin generates enough energy to charge a smart phone twice and 1 recycled aerosol saves enough energy to power a shower for 8 mins.

### Praying for the Planet

Today, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude. It is the new moon, a new year and a chance at a new beginning. What would it look like if we all treated our planet, our home, with respect and awareness and love? Imagine it and pray it into being.  
Jane Upchurch

## General News

**The Children's Society** For those who have plastic boxes at home, please bring them into Church by 13th January 2019.

**Annual New Year's Dinner on Saturday, 26th January 2019.** We have once again been invited to attend the Baitul Amn Mosque Royal Lane, Uxbridge, UB8 3QU. If you would like to attend please email Nikki or leave a note in the red posting box. Here is more detail of the programme :

17:30 Guest Arrival

18:00 Welcome by Mayor of Hillingdon

18:10 Presentations & Talks

19:30 Complimentary Dinner

**Stewardship:** Thank you to everyone who has responded if you haven't Please return your response forms as soon as possible— we are unable to make any meaningful plan for 2019 until we have more responses!. If anyone needs another response form there are plenty at the back of church.