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## Today 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### 10am Parish Communion

**Leading:** Rev'd Mark Lord-Lear

**Welcoming:** Celia Roser & Judith Johnson

**Reading:** Diana Lord-Lear

**Praying:** Nick Cox

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## The Week Ahead at All Saints'

*Events held in the church or Fellowship Rooms, unless otherwise stated.*

**Tuesday 9 January 2-4pm** Scrabble

**6.45-8.45pm** Chat Café

**Thursday 11 January 3.30-6pm** Messy Church

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## Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

May his name endure forever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.

**May all nations be blessed in him;  
may they pronounce him happy.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth.**

**Amen and Amen.**

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## Today's Old Testament reading

### Isaiah 60:1-6

#### The Ingathering of the Dispersed

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.




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## Collect for today

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.*

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## Next Sunday at All Saints'

**14 January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10am** Service of the Word with Holy Communion

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## Today's Gospel reading

### Matthew 2.1-12

#### The Visit of the Wise Men

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,

wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> 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.'

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.'

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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## Stanley Raisbeck

Stanley Raisbeck, our organist, has not been well for some time and has been planning to relinquish some of his music ministry at All Saints' in the coming weeks. Nevertheless, it has come as a massive shock that Stanley died on the evening of December 30th.

His contribution to the life of All Saints' has been very much appreciated and we will miss very much this very special man who shared with us some very special music. We send to his wife Maureen and to his children our loving condolences and our thanks for their sharing of Stanley with us. He is a great loss to our church family as well as to them.

It is a great privilege that his family want to share with us, here at All Saints', a special service to celebrate Stanley's life and to give thanks for him and for his achievements. We will advise everyone of the date for this as early as we can.

## News, Events and Notices

### SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS

to all the people who did many things over the festive period: Cleaners, tidy-uppers, caterers, designers, decorators, constructors, musicians, welcomers, readers, inviters, candle-lighters, projectionists, invitation-deliverers and kindness-givers: all have glorified God and blessed others! *Thank you!*



### Next session

This Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January

3.30pm-6pm



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## All Saints Kenton

### Weekly News



Sunday, 7 January 2018

### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**10am:** Parish Communion



**Welcome to our service today,** especially if you are visiting All Saints' for the first time this morning. We hope you will all feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

**Please join us** for refreshments in the Fellowship Rooms (the glass rooms at the back of the church) after the 10am service and do take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week.