

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

Albert Placide, Nico Fletcher, Eric Stovell, Michael Cole, Martina Robinson, Melanie Dowland, Jane Reynolds, Freya Paul, Ebenezer, Jessica, Winnie Hull, Sheila McPhee, Lesley Cox, Mary Cassell, Charmain, Janet McLagan, Terry Lefevre, June Hutchins, Rosemary Witts, Daniel Donkor, David Bedding, Michael Rickens, Kenneth & Barbara Clifford, Heidi Williams, Frances Sullivan, Michael Nalty, Lacey Robinson, Jeff Sutherland, Neil Rider, June Bradley, Elizabeth Miah, Ana Maria Gonzalez, Paul Abuaji, Tracey Coulson, Flo Hinton, the Cleary family, David Hart, Shaboy Burns, David McIntock, Leonard Robinson, James Wellington, Thomas Cabey, Jennette Skinner, Michael Nalty, Barry Chandler, Wendy Gorle, Valia Pecheva, Jason Buckham, Eddie Warr, Ayshia Best-Forbes, Pablo Emilio Bedoya, Milvida Lopez, Soledad Gonzalez

Recently departed: Karen Finch, Hellena Linkson, Suzanne Jackson, Ronald Giffin

Anniversaries of Death: George Thomas Woolf, Thomas Burling, Walter Barber, Berkeley William Randolph. Florrie Page, William Sully

In our Parish: We pray for local schools and colleges, for staff and students at the start of a new term.

In the wider world: We pray for all those battling preventable disease and malnutrition.

Notices

**Next Sunday The Baptism of Christ
10.30am Sung Mass**

Memorial Service

During works to build the new housing blocks on the King Square estate last year, burials were discovered dating to the 17th century. After examination by the Museum of London these former Londoners have been reverently re-buried at the Islington Cemetery. There will be a memorial service for them on **this Friday 11th January at 11.30am. At the cemetery. Please speak to Father David today if you'd be interested in attending so that transport can be arranged.**

St Clement's Church,
King Square

The Epiphany of Our Lord

6th January 2019



Welcome to St Clement's Church, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor to St Clement's or are here for the first time today we're very glad to welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service.

You are very welcome to join us for refreshments which will be served in the vestibule after the service. Donations towards the cost of refreshments provided by parishioners are gratefully received.

You'll find this morning's service in the Mass booklet, and the hymns can be found in the hymn book. Today's Bible readings, parish prayers and news are on this sheet, along with prayers for the parish and the world. Please take this sheet home with you.

We ask, as a matter of courtesy to others and respect for the Sacrament, to keep SILENCE both waiting to receive and after receiving Holy Communion.

St Clement's is delighted to receive all donations for our work. UK taxpayers can increase their gift by over 20% by placing it in the Gift Aid envelope you'll find in the back of the seat in front. Please remember to fill in and sign the envelope.

During the second hymn children of school age will be invited to leave for a story and activity in the Kids' Club Room. They return to receive a blessing at Holy Communion. The soft play area remains available for children of all ages. For child safeguarding as well as health and safety reasons we ask parents and carers to supervise children not in Kids' Club at all times.

If a child becomes noisy or restive please don't be embarrassed. The Vestibule (as you entered church) is a great "time out" space, and we encourage you to use it (and there's a speaker so you can still follow the service). You're welcome to use the toys provided. We all - and especially those who are hard of hearing - appreciate your thoughtfulness and understanding!

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. **Amen.**

First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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. 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. 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.

Psalm (Psalm 72)



All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate. All nations shall serve him. **R**

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:1-12)

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "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.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.