



Notices:

Sermon from the Diocese for the Second Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany

The Right Rev'd Mark Rylands, an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Exeter, has filmed a 10 minute video sermon based on the Epiphany story of the Three Wise Men.

<https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Joseph's Song

The Rev'd Tom Carson, Chaplain of Exeter School, who led our Quiet Day in March has written and recorded a new song about Joseph. Tom says "It tells a bit of the nativity story through the voice of Joseph who is struggling with doubts. There are notes of hope, but also a recognition that the journey is not always easy. That may have particular resonance this Christmas and New Year." [youtube.com/watch?v=IPf4VB1mwUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPf4VB1mwUE)

Christmas Message of Thanks from Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter

Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter, draws on the generosity shown in the Christmas story in this message of thanks for the generosity, kindness and hard work of Devon's church communities in 2020. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Christmas Message from Exeter Cathedral

The Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter brings this Christmas message from Exeter Cathedral reflecting on the challenges of 2020 and the meaning and hope we find in the birth of Jesus Christ. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Maternity Cover: could you edit 'Roots and Shoots'?

The Diocese of Exeter's Communications Officer, Katharine Otley, will be going on maternity leave from the end of February. This part-time position (29hrs p/w) involves editing 'Roots and Shoots', managing the diocesan website, writing the Prayer Diary and social media support. You can view the job description and application form on the web page:

www.cofepathways.org/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=2901

Please contact Chloe Axford if you would like an informal chat about the role.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday: First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm	72:1-7, 10-14	29
Second Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel	Matt 2:1-12	Mark 1:4-11

Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon	4 th	John 1:35-42
Tue	5 th	John 1:43-End
Wed	6 th	Matt 2:1-12
Thurs	7 th	Matt 4:12-17, 23-End
Fri	8 th	Mark 6:34-44
Sat	9 th	Mark 6:45-52

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

Rector: Rev'd Andrew Down. Tel: 01803 813403 E: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com

Office: Church Office, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen, TQ12 5RZ

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri: 12 noon to 3pm. Thurs: 11am to 3pm

Tel: 01803 814178 E: office@beaconparishes.co.uk W: www.missioncommunity.org.uk

Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/

www.facebook.com/denburyworship www.facebook.com/Broad20/

Today's Sunday Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary's, Denbury
11am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

9am-9.30am Monday to Thursday

this week on Zoom email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com for a link.

Private Prayer & Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Sundays and Wednesdays
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Mid-Week Holy Communion Services

Tuesday 10am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday 10am	- St Mary's, Denbury

Next Sunday 10th January 2021 – Baptism of Christ

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary's, Denbury
11am	Family Communion	- St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

We warmly invite the children who have been baptised in our churches, along with their families, to attend our church services on Sunday 10th January. All welcome.

Notices:

In memory

We keep in our prayers all who have lost loved ones in 2020

For prayer

As we begin this new year, we pray that the people of the world will be filled with hope for the future especially those who find themselves in increasingly difficult situations, the lonely, the homeless and the unemployed.

The Beacon

The December – January Issue of the Beacon is available to pick up from churches.

Bishop's New Year Message of Hope

The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, shares a New Year reflection to mark the start of 2021. At a time when there is still so much anxiety and uncertainty around coronavirus and how Brexit will play out, it is a reminder that we still have good reason to be hopeful: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) <https://exeter.anglican.org/bishops-new-year-2021-message-of-hope/>



Reflection by Tessa Amies

Second Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany
Matthew 2.1-12
Sunday 3rd January 2021



Image: Mosaic, Ravenna C6th.

EPIPHANY 2021

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

Wonderful, encouraging words from today's reading from Isaiah Ch.60.

Yes, two important events this Sunday:

First the arrival of the Magi/Kings/Wisemen/Astrologers at the Crib and, secondly, the arrival of a new year 2021.

The Magi brought gifts to the infant Christ - gold, frankincense and myrrh. They had 'arisen' somewhere in the east, got on their feet, camels or horses and, by following the light of a new star, not seen before, had arrived at the stables in Bethlehem to visit the new born baby, thus becoming the first gentiles to worship him.

We have a new year to celebrate. Let's 'arise', get on our feet and do something about it; just like the Magi. We too could bring three gifts:

A gift for our God;
and for suggestions for that I would strongly recommend Andrew's Christmas message in the weekly notices for 27th December 2020. (*available on the Beacon website www.missioncommunity.org.uk/weekly-notice-sheets or give me a ring 01803 813993 and I will post you a copy.*)

A gift for your family or our community;
Take your pick, there is so much to give. Time, talents, skills and so on.

A gift for 'ourselves';
Yes! we are allowed to give something to ourselves - 'me'! Possibly the gift of time? We do so much running around. Pledge yourself an hour's 'me-time' each day or as often as you can, even if it does seem impossible. A project that's been bugging you (for me that's the pile of boxes on the landing still unpacked from a house move 5 years ago). Walk in our beautiful countryside, a new craft or skill, growing veg (try a new tomato) reading, having a long bath. It's your time! ENJOY!

May I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy - and Holy New Year.

Yes, the light will shine in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

Tessa Amies



Image: Adoration of the Magi by Giotto 1301.