



In Memory. Cynthia Floyd, Muriel Hall, Val Denning, Marysia Willoughby, Cynthia Griffiths, Alison Foster and Beryl Lentern.

Church of England Covid Guidance. In light of the new government Covid measures, you will be guided on arrival at services and events about how each event will be managed. In broad terms mask wearing is now mandatory, sanitiser will be available, the building will be well ventilated and guidance will be given regarding seating and distancing.

Coffee Mates takes place in Denbury on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.30-12 noon at Church Cottage, Denbury. All men welcome to join us on Wednesday 12th January.

Refresh Revisit Reflect Course Starting on Tuesday 11th January from 6.30pm to 8pm, each Tuesday until 15th February, in St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. This course explores the Christian way of life looking at Jesus's summary of the law, the Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed. The Beatitudes, The Eucharist and the Life of the Spirit. Feel free to come along to one session or all sessions. All Welcome!

The Anglican Community Pays Tribute to Archbishop Desmond Tutu The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have joined leaders from across the Church of England, the Anglican Communion and other churches in paying tribute to Desmond Tutu the Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, who has died at the age of 90. The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby described Archbishop Tutu as "a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world." Read more here <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/prophet-and-priest-man-words-and-action-tributes-archbishop-desmond>



Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm	72:1-15	29
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:12-17	Acts 8:14-17
Gospel	Matt 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon 3 rd	Matt 4:12-17, 23-End	Thurs 6 th Luke 4:14-22
Tue 4 th	Mark 6:34-44	Fri 7 th Luke 5:12-16
Wed 5 th	Mark 6:45-52	Sat 8 th John 3:22-30

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

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	- Via Zoom (for the zoom password email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

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	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off is on Mondays each week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	12 noon	Funeral Service & Burial of Alison Foster	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	1.30 pm	Funeral Service & Burial of Beryl Lentern	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 9th January 2022 – Baptism of Christ

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. As we begin the New Year may nations put aside the old ways of war, violence, and corruption and seek the ways of peace.



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Epiphany
Matt 2:1-12
Sunday 2nd January 2022

During Advent and Christmas, our major focus has been on God coming to his people, but the church now shifts our attention to people going to find God. We start by celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, commemorating when a group of wise men set out on a journey to find a new born King.

The word epiphany comes from Greek and is translated to mean manifestation, appearance or revelation. In Matthew's Gospel it was to these wise men that Jesus was revealed to be who he truly was. The term epiphany is also used to describe a moment when suddenly you become conscious of something important, often triggered by new information, which allows a leap in your understanding. It's a kind of an "Aha!" moment when things are revealed. Everything becomes clearer and what was hidden becomes obvious and from that moment life is changed.

How does the wise men's journey help us to reflect on our own journey to find God?

- God used the wise men's own interest, experience and skills to guide them on their journey to find him. They were astronomers and astrologers so were led by a star. But they were not satisfied with just looking at the star and admiring it; they set out and followed it. Are we sometimes too busy to stop and notice when God is trying to get our attention?
- The wise men, when following that star, were prepared to enter into unknown and unfamiliar territory. They started their journey without really knowing their exact destination or what they might find. It would have needed courage, bravery and faith to continue. Are we sometimes too comfortable with the familiar to try something new or different? Are we afraid of what we might be asked to do if we go looking for God?
- Their journey was long and hard but they didn't give up until they had found what they were searching for. Are we willing to continue on our own journeys when life becomes tough or difficult? Or when we have more questions than answers?

- Like us they made mistakes in where they expected to find Christ. The wise men thought they would find the new born king in Jerusalem at Herod's palace. They expected to find him amongst the rich and powerful. Do we sometimes miss finding God because of our own prejudices about where we expect to find him?
- The wise men were outsiders so were considered the least likely people to be able to recognise and welcome Jesus. God calls us all to find him. Do we sometimes feel unworthy even to try?
- When they found Jesus they entered into the house and worshipped him. There was an urgency they could not wait until later. Do we remember to do this when we recognise God in our own lives?
- Their worship was not empty handed they brought their gifts. We all have gifts, talents or time to give however small and insignificant we think they are. Do we keep our gifts to ourselves or do we share them with others?

After they had found Jesus they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. Like everyone they were given the opportunity to listen to God and then to decide whether to do as God asked or to ignore the message. They were obedient and returned home by a different route. How easy do we find it to always do what is asked of us?

Finally, I like to think that somehow that journey changed the wise men. Our life experiences certainly change us. We are not the same people we were 5, 10, 20 years ago. We may not think we have been hugely changed but we will have changed. The same thing happens when we set out on a journey to find God. We will be changed, ideas and attitudes will be altered and our response to others will be different.

