Services & Meetings this week Morning & Evening Prayer are said daily at 8am & 5pm. (MP 8.30am on Sats.)

## Sunday 7th The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 8th Fr John Off Duty 1pm Funeral (Crematorium) Edith Prescott 3pm "OTB" rehearsal - Community Centre

Tuesday 9th 9.30am Chatterbox 11am Eucharist: Queen Anne Court

Wed 10th The Baptism of Christ 10am Holy Eucharist 5.30pm Parish Office 7.30pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday 11th 9am "OTB" Beech Green 10am Chit Chat 10am "OTB" Field Court Infants

Friday 12th 2pm Funeral (Church) Sophie Hunter

Saturday 13th Our Lady on Saturday 9.00am - 10am Parish Office

Sunday 14th: The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: The Bishop of Tewkesbury

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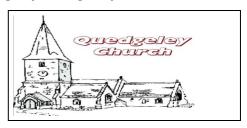
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## Sunday 7th January 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am Said Eucharist: Christmas & Epiphany service booklet Gluten-free communion wafers available; please advise clergy or stewards if this is your need.

10.30am STJ's Worship & Praise Welcome, everyone, to St James' today especially if this is your first visit here. Do please stay and join us all for a buffet after the service. Also: children's soft-play area available.

## Bible Readings for today:

Isaih 60. 1-6

Isaiah foretells a restoration for the people of God in exile, with peace and goodwill.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the natiions.

and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Matthew 2. 1-12

Wise Men come from the east in search of the newborn King.

Response to the Intercessions:

Lord God::

We offer you ourselves.

## Please note:

Next Sunday we shall be welcoming Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury, on his first visit to St James. Please do vour best to be here to welcome him!

## Please pray for:

The Sick: Bill Perry, Ivy Roberts, Pat Finney, Margaret Allison, Patrick Bradley, Arthur & Mary Ellis, Derek Shipton, Robert Dean, Ann Robertson, John Baker, John Rogers, Megan Lucas, Marion Absolom, Helen Jones, James Rice, Philip Parker, Liz Baxter:

all those in the care of our local nursing homes, and all those in our hearts & minds.

The Departed: Edith Prescott, Sophie Hunter The victims of violence, and of natural disasters. Those whose years' mind occur at this time. Those who mourn.

The homeless in Gloucester.

The work of the Food Bank in our city

All those, especially young people, who suffer from any addiction.

## Please pray for our Parish:

Lord Jesus Christ, whose promise is that wherever two or three are gathered together in your name, you are present with them: bless and glorify this ancient house of prayer; guide us in the work of mission and outreach in this our own day. We pray that all will find a welcome here, and a sense of your love and presence. Bless us and all those we love; help us to be witnesses to your name in our homes and in our community, so that the glory of your name may ever be known. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, St James the Apostle, and St Mary Magdalene aid us in our prayers and in our Christian responsibilities and duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.** 

"Around the Spire" - a note from our Editor, Fr Hugh: "The January edition of our magazine is in church today: please make sure you take a copy and one or two for friends and neighbours! Notes for the February edition should be sent to me by 12th January. Thank you!"

<u>Congratulations</u> to Philip Parker, who reached the marvellous age of 101 last week! (Philip is not too well at the moment, having suffered a fall; we send him our best wishes for a good recovery.)

<u>Used Christmas Cards</u>: There will be a box in church until 11th Janfor your used Christmas cards; *they will be sent to the Cheltenham* <u>Cobalt Appeal</u> where they will be recycled into new cards.

## Sacramental Ministry:

Private Confession, Healing ministry, spiritual guidance - always available from any of the clergy. Just have a private word.

(Contact details over the page.)

#### Notes from Fr John, our Rector:

Confirmation 2018: So far, we have ten potential candidates. Are YOU interested? If so, please add your name to the contact list near the church door. Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury will be the confirming bishop here on 16th Sept. 2018. We shall be announcing the dates of preparation classes in the new year.

#### **Parish Church Treasurer**

We are still looking for a new parish treasurer to take over from Lesley next year. Lesley is happy and willing to aid the new treasurer into the role, which has a straighforward computer application

The role of treasurer is a very important one, but it is not difficult to get into or understand. Could YOU give it some thought or cast your mind around whom we might approach? Thank You.

My deepest thanks to all of you for making the Christmas celebrations so joyous. Special thanks to those who cleaned the church; those who prepared the flowers; our team of servers; our organists and musicians; our lesson-readers and intercessions-leaders.

We had several words of thanks and appreciation for visitors who worshipped with us; we have proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ. May the blessings of the Holy Family be with you all!

<u>"Come and Find Out"</u> - Would anyone like to invite us to their home for a meeting on a Tuesday in January? Please have a word / leave a mesage with Fr lan. Thank you.

## Notes for this weekly newsheet:

should be sent to Fr lan on ia\_jdr@lineone.net by Wednesday evenings prior to printing. Thank you.

## Quotation for the Week:

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies."