

Today's Events

8.00am BCP Gathering **9.15am** Parish Eucharist

11.00am Informal Gathering



Church Diary

Monday 6th January: 11am: Hampton Bible Study

Tuesday 7th January: 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10th January: 10am Choir Practice

Sunday 12th January: 8am BCP Gathering, 9.15am Parish Eucharist, 11.00am Informal Gathering

weekly sheet

Epiphany - 5th January 2025



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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.

Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

1 Therefore, for this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets

Alpha - coming soon!

We're excited to announce the return of the Alpha Course this year at St Peter's!

This engaging series offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, friendly setting. It's a safe space to ask challenging questions, explore faith, and find meaning in today's world.

Whether you're new to faith or looking to deepen your understanding, the Alpha course is for you.

Please invite anyone you know who may like to come along!



We are hoping to start at the end of January but please stay tuned for updates on dates and times!



Notices



Happy New Year

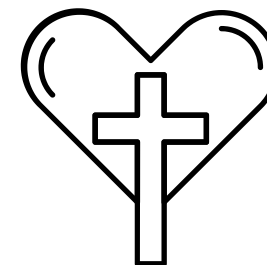
Andy and the team at St Peter's want to wish you a Happy New Year and pray that you all have a great start to 2025! May you rest in God's love for you, give yourself the grace to slow down and let the Holy Spirit lead you and trust that His plans for you are good.

Happy
New Year

6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, **9** and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.





Gospel Reading



Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



Prayer List

For those who are sick, in special need or

housebound: Mark Bartlett, Dave Cockram, Colin Hemming, Wayne and Ella Edgington, Ella Graves, Susan Temple Murray, Eileen Pieters, Helen Shepherd (Pat Bullman's daughter), Janet Southwell

Prayers for the family/friends of the deceased

Ann Boyne, Geoff Cottam, Gillian Doreen Smith



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.

