



Sunday 8th January 2023  
**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
 Year A 23/2

Welcomer	Hilary Roden
Readers	Shirley Chinery
Interceder	Kerri Allen
E Min	Maria Flavius
Coffee	Vicky Bellamy
Entry	AM86 The First Nowell
Gradual	AM105 We three kings
Offertory	CAHON729 What child is this
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P-Comm	TP8 As I kneel before you
Final	AM94 As with gladness
Mass	Addington Mass, Richard Shephard

# ST JAMES

## Islington N1 8PH

**Collect: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**EPIPHANY** We've been thinking quite a lot about Christmas traditions this year and today's Feast of the Epiphany is full of yet more signs and symbols as we celebrate the visit of the Three Kings (or Magi) to the stable in Bethlehem. With the help of some of our young people we will hear the stories of each of the Three Kings (though there may have been many more than three who made that long journey from the East) and we will hear the reasons why they brought their special gift to Jesus. One of the rather more modern (and French) traditions is the 'Galette des Roi', the cake of the Kings - made up of puff pastry and Apricot jam - which has a small bean hidden inside representing the Christ child. Whoever finds the bean in their slice of cake is crowned king or queen for the day!



'CAN WE START AGAIN PLEASE?' is a very well known song from Andrew Lloyd Webber's spectacular musical, Jesus Christ Superstar. It comes towards the end of the show when the disciples all realise that how little they managed to keep up with Jesus as he went through his brief three teaching years, his passion and then his crucifixion. The song describes the way they wanted to wind the clock back and have another chance at being his friends. In lots of ways 2022 was like that for us. It wasn't just the difficulties of adjusting to COVID and then then the gradual relaxation of the rules that followed; somehow, lots of things happened to us which, in the past, we may taken in our stride but which, in 2022, seemed really hard work. The world just seemed much greyer and we just didn't have the energy to do more than just 'get by'.

As we turn a new page into 2023 I hope that we can get our old 'mojo' back! Good planning will help with that but the key will be our personal support for each other - by getting to Mass on Sundays and being willing to take part in what is going on - from simple things like taking down the Christmas tree this week to responding to invitations to take part in the new education programme. The old saying 'The Church that prays together, stays together' is still true! Over the next few months there will be more and more requests for help. We would be really grateful for all you can do for St James' this year.

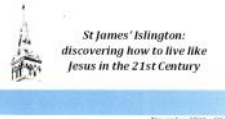
**WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.**

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

*St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*

**ADVERT!** We are lucky at St James' to have inherited two excellent buildings which both do their job very well. The Church, built in 1875, is not too big and is very flexible. The Hall, built in 1995, is modern and very easily accessed by the local community. Both are very heavily used. We are now looking for someone (or possibly more than one) to take on the paid role of *Buildings and Maintenance coordinator*. Their job would involve opening and closing the Church each day and making sure the heating is set. They would keep an eye on any repairs that are needed and work closely with Vicky our bookings administrator, our cleaning teams and with our electricians, plumbers and gas engineers. They would also liaise with the PCC as we undergo our five-yearly inspection of the Church building which is due in 2023. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let us know.

**NEW STUDY SESSIONS - INCLUDING THE CHANCE TO PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**



**PACK UP** always very grateful for these items:  
 Tea bags  
 Instant coffee  
 Sugar  
 Tinned tomatoes  
 Pasta  
 Biscuits (in packets rather than in tins)  
 Rice  
 Herbs and spices eg bay leaves  
 oregano  
 thyme.

**THIS WEEK**

Sun	<b>EPIPHANY</b> 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.30am Sam Lewis rehearsal.
Mon	10am Proms Committee meets by zoom. 2-6.30pm Rehearsal, Gesualdo 6; 7pm Lieder Group.
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 8am Mass. 7-9pm Corsican Brass. 7pm Anneke 1.
Wed	10am Mass.
Thurs	1-4pm Rehearsal, Karoline. 5.15pm Mohammad 1. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm Cantallini.
Fri	11-2pm Rehearsal, Laura Reid.
Sun 15	<b>EPIPHANY 2</b> 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Calendar and Daily prayer themes**

Sun 8	<b>EPIPHANY</b>	Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella
Mon 9	<b>DEL Week 1</b>	Charlotte, Josh, Olivia, Alfie Kennedy; Kingsley Lewis
Tues 10	<b>William Laud</b>	Beryl Lloyd; Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison
Wed 11	<b>Feria</b>	Sergio and Cecy Munoz; Isabel Nisbet
Thurs 12	<b>Feria</b>	Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green
Fri 13	<b>George Fox/Quakers</b>	Toni Parker; Miguel Pequeniza
Sat 14	<b>Feria</b>	Teresa Pereira, Richard, Mae and Ivy Dennison
Sun 15	<b>EPIPHANY 2</b>	Jessica and Tayah Philipps; Anneke Pol

**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns on Wednesday to Bow Wheatley who will be 5.
- SICK** Beatrice Awoonor-Renner, Gloria Falcioni, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Paul Mortier, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward, Revd Tania Whitter and Mary Whalley.
- MEMORIALS** Today: Fr Evan Jones (Vicar 1993-2009); 10th: Vera Chambers (2017); Geoffrey Hetherington (1995); 14th: Nancy Barton (1997), Jenny Bogle (2015).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith at Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvenal*, who has been held by the Taliban since December 2021; for all the women imprisoned in Iran as the result of the recent riots.





PARISH MASS  
for the Feast of Epiphany  
January 8th 2023  
as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1



May God bless every  
£1 we give so that St  
James' will be here,  
not just for today and  
for tomorrow, but for  
the future he wants to  
create.

All Age PARISH MASS  
FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Entry Hymn: **AM86 The first Nowell**

[t. The First Nowell]

*The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. Nowell...*

*And by the light of that same star,  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. Nowell...*

*This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay: Nowell...*

*Then enter'd in those wise men three,  
full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offer'd there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense: Nowell...*

*Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought: Nowell...*

(Words: West Country Carol)

**The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Words of Preparation

**Loving Lord, fill us with your life-giving,  
joy-giving, peace-giving presence,  
that we may praise you now with our lips  
and all the day long with our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession

**All seeing God,  
you have searched our hearts and minds  
and have discovered our blindness and our weakness,  
our fears and our selfishness.  
In sorrow we confess that we have sinned against you  
and disobeyed your command to love others  
as we love ourselves.  
Forgive us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
who became like us so that we might become like him. Amen,**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria *Peruvian Gloria*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
To him be glory for ever.  
Alleluia, Amen.**

**Son of the Father / Glory to the Spirit**

## Collect

**Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the  
Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's  
end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

## The Word of God

*1st Reading:* (Isaiah 60: 1-6) 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.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn:* **AM105 We three kings of orient are**

*During the first verse the children look for the figures of the Three Wise men and they bring them to the front of Church.*

**We three kings of orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

## The story of The Three Kings - Melchior

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again:  
king for ever, ceasing ever,  
over us all to reign.**

## The story of The Three Kings - Casper

**Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a deity nigh:  
prayer and praising, all are raising,  
worship him, God most high.**

## The story of the Three Kings - Balthazar

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom:  
sorrowing, sighing, blessing, dying,  
sealed in a stone cold tomb.**

**“Galette des rois”**

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice!  
Heav'n sings: 'Alleluia!'  
'Alleluia!' the earth replies.**

(Words: Edward J Hopkins)

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

### Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

We say together:

**We saw the rising of his star and we have come to worship him.**

We sing once more: **Alleluia, your words, O Lord...**

### Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St Matthew 2: 1-11 CEV) Jesus was born in Bethlehem when Herod was king of Judea. About that time, wise men came to Herod's palace in Jerusalem asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For many months we have seen his star as it travelled west and we have come with gifts to pay him homage.

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened for no child had been born in the palace. So he called all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and asked them where the Messiah was to be born. The chief priests said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea. This was told to us many years ago by the prophets.

After Herod had sent the chief priests away he secretly called in the wise men and told them to look for the child in Bethlehem: 'Go and search carefully for the child; and when you have found him, come back and tell me so that I too may go and pay him homage.' When the wise men heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had followed from the east. Some time later it stopped over a house and they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Stand

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that in the beginning was the Word,  
and that the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
Through him all things were made;  
without him nothing was made that has been made.  
In him is life and that life is the light for us all.  
The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us;  
we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end: Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

Christ was revealed in a human body, was proclaimed to the nations and is believed in throughout the world. His name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: **CAHON729 What child is this**

[t Greensleeves]

**What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherd's watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
come, greet the infant Lord,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.**

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come rich and poor, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the songs on high,  
the Virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.*

(Words: William Chatterton Dix)

We sit

### At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh,  
but the sacrifice and food they symbolise: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer H2

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, it is our joy and delight, our reason for being,  
to offer you thanks and praise.

All your actions show wisdom and love.  
Through your Word  
you spoke creation into existence  
and made us in your image and likeness.

**When we disobeyed you and drew away from you,  
you did not leave us in darkness  
but sent your Son, the Word made flesh,  
to be the light of the world.**

Emptying himself of all but love,  
he was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
shared our human nature and died on the Cross.

Yet you raised him from death to eternal life;  
and through him you have sent your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**You have made us your people, a people of light,  
to reflect your glory in all the world.**

On the night he was betrayed  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His blood is shed for all.**

Send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might,  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Invitation**

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Sit

**After Communion**

Second Sunday Choir: **Fairest Lord Jesus** Silesian Folk Song arr Martin How

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,  
 Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;  
 Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
 O thou my soul's delight and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
 robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
 he makes the saddest heart to sing.*

*Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men  
 In all the freshness of youth arrayed:  
 Yet is their beauty, fading and fleeting,  
 my Jesus thine will never fade. (Words: German, 17th century, translated Lilian Stevenson)*

**Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Fraction**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
 because we all share in the one bread.**

Communion Hymn: **TP8 As I kneel before you**

**As I kneel before you, as I bow my head my head in prayer,  
 take this day, make it yours, and fill me with your love.  
 Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes,  
 laudate eum, omnes populi.**

**All I have I give you, ev'ry dream and wish are yours.  
 In this bread, in this wine be with me now my Lord. Laudate...**

**As I kneel before you, and I see your perfect face,  
 ev'ry thought, ev'ry word is lost in your embrace. Laudate...**  
 (Words: Maria Parkinson, adapted JB)

**Agnus Dei**

Steady  $\text{♩} = 88$   
*p*  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy.  
*mp*  
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy  
*p*  
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 Slower  
 world, grant us peace.

Sit

## Post Communion

Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ in this eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.**

**In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou, its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing,  
Alleluias to our King.**

(Words: William Chatterton Dix)

## Community Notices

Stand

### Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, who in coming to live among us gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill our lives with his light and joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Final Hymn:* **AM94 As with gladness men of old**

**As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, leading bright;  
so, most gracious God, may we  
evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

