

Churchwardens' Chat

Evensong tonight at 5pm: Hymns NEH 51, 52, Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7–14, John 1: 29–34, Psalms 98 and 100

Midweek services:

Monday to Fridays: Morning Prayer at 10am
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10.30am.

Sunday 12 January – The Baptism of Christ

8am Said Communion (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Epiphany Carol Service

Advent reading: If you have borrowed books during Advent please remember to return them to Margaret Hartley.

Offertory: we have decided to re-instate the practice of asking members of the congregation to take the bread and the wine up to the chancel steps during the Offertory Hymn (immediately after the Peace). Brian and Jim will do this today, and we will be asking for volunteers from next week.

Confirmation preparation: If you would like to be confirmed, or are pondering it, please talk to Fr Andrew. The Confirmation service will be on Saturday May 25th (10.30). Preparation sessions will take place in the weeks preceding this.

Quiet Day at Walsingham Saturday 8 Feb 2025: There is more information about this at the welcome desk. Do sign up if you are interested.

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Time for a New Years resolution? Join the C of E Parish Giving Scheme!

The life of the Abbey depends on congregational giving, so please consider joining this scheme which allows you to give to this parish securely and safely online. Find out more at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. Further information is at the welcome desk.

Pastoral visits

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903
Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day off is a Monday.

Wymondham Abbey ❖ Sunday 5 January 2025

The Feast of Epiphany

Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting. Use this sheet together with the main Eucharist booklet for the hymns and readings. Today we are using the New English Hymnal.

Hymns: NEH 47 (omit v. 4), Psalm 72, 297, 40, 49

Note to families with young children: the children will be invited during the Vicar's welcome to go into St Benedict's for Sunday Club. They will then come back into church at the Peace. The children are then welcome to be in the play area or with you in the main seating, as you prefer.

Organ prelude: Adoration by Florence Price

After the bell rings, the servers and clergy enter and we all stand to sing Hymn 47 (omit verse 4).

We begin on page 3.

*Page 6: we sing **Glory in the highest**.*

*Page 7: **First 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.

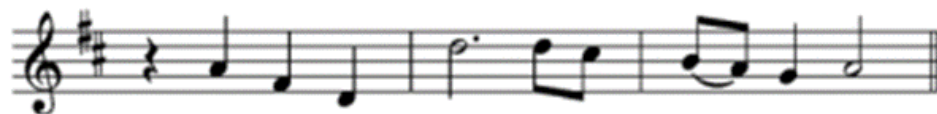
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We remain seated for **Psalm 72 verses 10–15***

The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):



R The Lord is King; let the earth re-joice

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

*Page 7: we stand for the **Gospel Reading** – Matthew 2: 1–12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Please sit as Fr Andrew sings the traditional announcement of the year's liturgical feasts. The Epiphany Proclamation (the 'Novéritis').

*Page 7: **Sermon***

*Page 9: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for:*

The sick and housebound: Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson, David & Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Elizabeth & Roy Pulsford, Jennie Rackham.

Recently departed: Allan Pointer, Carol Ann Chapman and Kathleen Deacon whose funeral is on Tuesday 7 Jan at noon.

Years' Mind: Jean Neal

*Page 9: after **The Peace**, we sing **Hymn 297**.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated, begins on page 10. Please join in the singing of the 'Holy, Holy' (p11) and 'Lamb of God' (p13) from the Mass of the Holy Angels by Gerard Chiusano.*

*Page 13: during the distribution of **Communion** we all sing **Hymn 40**.*

*After the **Blessing** (p15) we sing **Hymn 49**.*

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Fantasia on 'Wie schön leuchtet see Morgenstern', BuxWV 223 by Dietrich Buxtehude

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

