

**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; We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit Now and forever. Amen

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.**

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.

**PSALM RESPONSE: follow the Cantor**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.** Ephesians 3.1–12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus according to Matthew.** 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.



**Post Communion Prayer**

O 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 incarnate Son, who suffered, died, and was buried, and who now is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

**HYMN NUMBERS:**

- 84 - Brightest and best.
- 87 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed.
- 83 - As with gladness men of old.
- 90 - Songs of thankfulness and praise.
- 91 - We three kings.

## NOTICES.....

### **KWA MKONO DISABLED CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Lesley and Keith Wright, trustees and founders of Kwa Mkono have had health problems that have made running the trust very difficult. They have decided after 16 years as a charity and several years before as a church mission, to close the trust, which has now become more self-sufficient. The centre is receiving regular funds from churches in Tanzania and with the money it raises from various projects and donations they will be able to continue their work.

They would like to thank the people of St Anne's for their support over the years.

Father John and the Centre staff also send their love and thanks to everyone who has helped them in their mission. The trustees send their best wishes.

### **REGULAR EVENTS:**

#### **BIBLE STUDY:**

**MONDAYS** – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

**NO BIBLE STUDY UNTIL**

**1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY IN JANUARY**

#### **QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":**

**SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**, at Wind Demons, West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm  
& 7pm to 8pm

**NO PEACE ADVENTURE UNTIL**

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY IN JANUARY**

#### **HEAR HERE CLINIC:** 11-12noon

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**ALL UNLESS OTHERWISE UPDATED**

### **Services this Week**

**All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated**

**TUESDAY** 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY** 10.00am Said Eucharist

**Midweek services are held in the side chapel**

### **Services Next Sunday**

**(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – The Baptism of The Lord**

**8.00am** Said Eucharist St. Anne's

**9.00am** Sung Eucharist Earnley

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

**Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

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## **The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington**

# **Pews News.**

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.

(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **The Feast of the Epiphany**

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

**If you are a visitor to our church,** making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.  
**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C"**

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**8.00am**

Said Eucharist St. Anne's

**9.00am**

Sung Eucharist Earnley

**10.15am**

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing**

### **Intercessions**

#### **The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:**

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Len Holliday, Jean Church, Florence Sumakoloy, and members of our congregation who are unwell today.

#### **From our families and friends, we remember**

Baby Phoebi, Gerry Davies, Millie Polhill, Sally, Sherline Smith, Matthew Finch, Suzy Tyne, Sue Knight, Ann & Jeff Parks, baby Logan, Robin Leney, Shelley Cronan, Pat & John Cox, Jules Pettitt, Dorothy Dixon, Lizi Benjamin. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

#### **The Recently Departed**

Paul Carney, Claire Louise Green, Gary James Fisher

#### **Those whose years mind falls at this time**

Molly Green, Jill Bridle, Harold LChecksfield, Fred Mason, Bernice Smith, Cecily Neville, John Baxter, James Hunt, Hilda Evans, Audrey Scott, Jack Robinson