

Epiphany Meal-Thank you to all those involved with organising the meal we will be having after the Epiphany Procession service this evening.

Manna House charity is coordinating the Kendal winter shelter again this year, from 19th November until 10th March. Items needed for this include, backpacks, men's walking boots/ sturdy shoes, men's waterproof jackets/warm coats, men's joggers, men's deodorant, coffee, tea, sugar, cooking oil, UHT milk, tins tomatoes and baking ingredients. All donations will be gratefully received in church from Sunday 25th November. Thank you.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: 21-30 November 2019. Our Christian tradition holds dear the practice of making pilgrimages as experiences of learning, conversion and transformation. None is more significant than walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. The 2019 "Come and See" pilgrimage will be led by The Revd Jonathan Gillespie and The Revd Annie Church in partnership with *Lightline Pilgrimages*. Please speak to Jonathan for further details.

This Week:

Enquiries: (Tel: 44596) The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 12.30pm.

The Vicar and Curate are always happy to Visit- do ask or Tel: 43032. The Text of Sermons & articles can be found on the **VICAR'S BLOG:** davidmwilmot.wordpress.com

MORNING PRAYER: This week at 8am Monday–Thursday. A quiet & helpful way to begin the day.

Monday 7th January

9.30am St Mary's Standing Committee

Tuesday 8th January

9.00am Gas supply Maintenance
9.30am Clergy Chapter Meeting at St. Mary's Windermere
10.00am Little Pips
5.45pm Quiet Space

Wednesday 9th January

10.00am Holy Communion with Coffee Time

Thursday 10th January

9.00am Vicar at School Assembly
10.00am Vicar at School Assembly
11.00am Marriage Prep Day meeting

Next Sunday: 13th Jan 2019

Baptism of our Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

11.00am Sunday Celebration

From our Book of Remembrance

George Dickinson Leviston, Anthony James Marsden, Betty Saville, Ralph Lane, Hilda May Caley, Winnifred Sutcliffe, Judith Notley, Ella Ridge, Marjorie Whitehead, Joan Mary Fraser, Albert Thompson, Lilian C. Foster, Brian R. Jones, Dorothy Willison.

The Word.... ...This Week

Welcome:

**6th
January
2019**



Epiphany of the Lord

11.00am Sunday Celebration
4.00pm Epiphany Procession

Today's Music:

Introit	37	Angel Voices ever singing
Gradual	86	Bright the vision
Offertory	686	Through all the changing
Communion	70	Be thou my vision
Recessional	359	Jesus Shall Reign

If you are a visitor to Windermere or this is the first time you have worshipped with us, do make yourself known to one of the Sidesmen. We hope you will find this worship helpful and enjoyable and that you will join us again. You are warmly invited to join us for Coffee etc. after the 11.00am Service.

At Holy Communion, Gluten Free Wafers are available – please see Wardens & Sidesmen if this would be helpful.

Our Purpose:

We are here to help everyone to know and grow in the love of God through prayer, worship, teaching and service.

Our Vision:

A thriving, growing Christian community.

This week you are invited to pray for:

- The residents of Phoenix Way, Old College Lane and Old College Park
- People who care for the church building

The First Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 p40

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ 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:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ 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,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ 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.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Psalm 24

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein. For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?' 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.' Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

R. The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

The Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

p41 A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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.

The Vicar`s Sabbatical Thank you very much indeed to those who kindly took on extra tasks during my Study Leave between July and November. I had an extremely helpful time and I am most grateful both for the opportunity and to all who made it possible. Since my return I have been asked on many occasions whether I will be sharing any of my experiences, so I`m suggesting a couple of things in the New Year to which you will be very welcome.

• **A Spanish Pilgrimage.** In July I spent a week in Northern Spain visiting sites associated with St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits; learning something of his story and his understanding of the Christian way. I`ll be sharing something of this on Wednesday 30th Jan at 7pm at St. Mary`s. To help with printing (and refreshments) there will be a sign-up sheet at Church early in January. There`s no charge & you`re very welcome.

• **A return to Nepal** and Everest: Last October, Margaret and I were fortunate to make a return visit to Nepal to catch up with old friends and journey to some of the most beautiful and high-altitude places in the world. We`re offering to share some of our stories and pictures on Shrove Tuesday, 5th March at 7pm at St. Mary`s. As previously we`re proposing to make this a `Puddings Evening`; so all are invited to bring a dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at Church during February. We`ll perhaps have a retiring collection for the work of Community Action Nepal. Again, you`re most welcome.