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FEAST OF EPIPHANY

3rd January 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist

10:30 am Said Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

9:30 am Said Eucharist

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

Weekend e-Church available today

NEXT SUNDAY – BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9:00 am Said Eucharist

10:30 am Said Eucharist

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY</u>
Genesis 1:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-end
Psalms 29	Psalms 105:1-9
Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:29-39
Mark 1:4-11	

'From the Vicar' will return next week

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

REVEREND CANON ANDREW STOKES

Those who knew him will be saddened to hear that Fr Andrew Stokes died on 30th December following a lengthy illness. Andrew was a fine priest and a great servant of the church in this Diocese. To those who had the privilege of knowing him personally, he was a loyal friend, both charming and wise. I will not be alone in missing him greatly. Please pray for Jane and for all the family at this sad time. *Hugh*

CHRISTMAS THANKS AND GREETINGS

My sincere thanks to all who have sent us Christmas greetings and gifts. We are so very grateful. A particular thanks at this time of year to all who have worked so very hard to keep our church open, active and Covid-free over a very challenging year. With my love and blessings, *Hugh*

FUNDRAISING FOR ST NICK'S

If you use Amazon for on-line shopping, you might like to think about using Amazon Smile. Through Amazon Smile, you will have access to exactly the same range of goods as on Amazon, at the same prices, but for each purchase you make, Amazon Smile will make a donation to St Nicks. How does it work? Instead of logging in to your normal Amazon account, just log in to Amazon Smile instead. You will be asked which charity/good cause you would like to support. Search for and select "The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Nicholas With St. John Baptist, Lincoln". You can then make your purchases in the normal way and St Nick's will benefit to a small degree from each purchase. If you are happy with on-line shopping and all that entails then why not give it a go. *Sue Humphrey*

CAN YOU HELP?

Our friend and neighbour, the Reverend Rachel Heskens, at St John in the Ermine has asked for volunteers to help at Lincoln Castle Academy. We do not know how this request is being impacted by the rapidly changing circumstances, but if you feel you might be able to help, please get in touch with Rachel directly. Do let us know if we can help you make contact.

READINGS

Sunday 3rd January

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**

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.

PSALM

PSALM 72:10-15

Refrain: Kings shall bow down before him; all nations shall do him service.

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.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and
violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**
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**

SECOND READING

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 to 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 to 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.

GOSPEL

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

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. **Amen**

Wednesday 6th January

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**

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 4:11-18

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

PSALM

PSALM 72:1, 10-13

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
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tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

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GOSPEL READING

MARK 6:45-52

Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he

dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

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