



## THE PARISH JARROW AND SIMONSDIE

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through our worship, witness and service.*

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany**

**Parish Service with Holy Eucharist at St. Simon's 10 am**



**Hymn Numbers for  
Sunday**

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

**10am St. Simon's**

**42**

As with gladness  
men of old

**133**

Earth has many a  
noble city

**709**

We three kings of  
Orient are

**716**

What child is this

**626**

The first Nowell

## A Prayer for the New Year

May the Lord bless you and protect you  
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you  
May the Lord show you  
His favour and give you His peace.  
Amen

### Thank you

To everyone  
who has  
supported our  
events and  
services  
throughout  
Advent and  
Christmas thus  
far. We hope  
you have had a  
lovely break.

*Assuring you of our prayers.*

*Revd Lesley, Revd Andrew, Revd Obinna and Lay Pastoral Minister Jacki*

**This week our prayers are asked for:-**

All who live, work, worship or study in the parish; our nation and national life, for everyone  
struggling at this time; for King Charles III and his family; Bishop Sarah Mullally, and for Bishop Sarah Clark, and our  
Diocesan Leadership Team and all who lead in our Parish.

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ministers direct or contact the office.**

**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.

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 - The Ingathering of the Dispersed**

**60** Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,<sup>[a]</sup>  
 because the abundance of the sea shall be  
 brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall  
 come to you.  
<sup>6</sup> 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 72:1-9 Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.**

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| <p>1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦<br/>         and your righteousness to the son of a king.</p> <p>2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦<br/>         and your poor with justice. <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦<br/>         and the little hills righteousness for the people.</p> <p>4 May he defend the poor among the people, ♦<br/>         deliver the children of the needy<br/>         and crush the oppressor. <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>5 May he live as long as the sun<br/>         and moon endure, ♦<br/>         from one generation to another.</p> | <p>from one generation to another.</p> <p>6 May he come down like rain<br/>         upon the mown grass, ♦<br/>         like the showers that water the earth. <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦<br/>         and abundance of peace<br/>         till the moon shall be no more.</p> <p>8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea ♦<br/>         and from the River to the ends of the earth. <b>Refrain</b></p> <p>9 May his foes kneel before him ♦<br/>         and his enemies lick the dust. <b>Refrain</b></p> |
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*New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles*

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

*Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Wise Men*

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to



### The Parish Prayer list

John Ellison, Andrew Garvock, Mrs. Hewitt, Chris Haynes, Ann Taylor, Carol Woodfield, Christine, Gillian, Grant MacBeth, Ruth Banks, Jim, Isla Mohamed, Jonathan Hall, Judith, Maureen McLoughlin, Baby Chloe Grace Taylor, Killian Coyles, James Moore, Margaret Guy, Margaret Wilson, Sharon Duggan, Rebecca Fox, Harriet Frazer, Karon's son, Nora Lough, Kari, Elizabeth Blackburn, Joan Young, Steven, Marion Wheetman, Les Davison, Carol McKenzie, Jeames Shephard, Noreen Woodhouse, Angea, Sharon, Baby Zachary, Ian Myers, Revd Rajinder Daniel, Launa Daniel, Susan Pink, Jacqui Cullen, Muriel Robinson, Alek Horsepool, Margaret Graves, Kerry, Sheila James, Gary Patterson, Caroline and George Dunn.

We pray also for the repose of the soul of all who have died recently.

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**4 pm**

**Thanksgiving Service**  
for Jacki Dunn's Ministry  
in the Parish  
(St. Peter's)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**10 am**

Parish Service for  
**Candlemas**  
(St. Paul's)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**10 am**

Parish Service for the  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
(St. John's)

**At 2.00 pm on Mondays we pray together from wherever we are. Everyone is welcome in the Circle of Prayer.**



### **Monday 5th January 'New Year / New Life...'**

A new life stands on my doorstep,  
ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor,  
the hope of bountiful blessings,  
the joy of a new beginning, the freshness of  
unclaimed surprises.

Something in me rebuffs this new visitor,  
the swiftness of the coming, the boldness of the entrance,  
the challenge of so many new ways of doing things.

Something in me fears this visitor,  
the unnamed events of future days,  
the wisdom needed to walk love well,  
the demands of giving up and growing away.

A new challenge stands on my doorstep,  
with fragile caution I move, to open the door for its entrance.

My heart leaps with surprise, joy jumps in my eyes,  
for there, beside this brand new opening,  
stands my God with outstretched hand!

He smiles and gently asks of me...

"Can we walk this new phase together?"

And I, so overwhelmed with goodness  
can barely whisper my reply. "Welcome in". Amen

## Sunday to Sunday

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Worship, Activity or Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b><i>Epiphany</i></b>	
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Service with Holy Communion</b> led by Revd Andrew and our preacher is Revd Obinna	<b>St. Simon's</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Circle of Prayer</b> , praying together, wherever we are, please see page 4 for this week's prayer.	<b>Wherever we are.</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with the Ministry Team</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Midweek Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Place of Welcome/Warm Space</b> Open until 1 pm with <b>Community Craft and Chat</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with the Ministry Team</b>	<b>St. Simon's</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Midweek Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. Simon's</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Place of Welcome/Warm Space</b> Open until 1 pm	<b>St. Simon's</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with the Ministry Team</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Midweek Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b><i>First Sunday of Epiphany</i></b>	
	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word for Epiphany</b> with Local Lay Worship Leaders	<b>St. John's</b>
	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Service for Epiphany with Holy Communion</b> with Revd Andrew and LPM Jacki	<b>St. Simon's</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Service for Epiphany with Holy Communion</b> with Revd Andrew and LPM Jacki	<b>St. Paul's</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Service for Epiphany with Holy Communion</b> with Revd Lesley and Revd Obinna	<b>St. Peter's</b>

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# DRAW IT

You are with the traveling magi, coming to visit Jesus with gifts. What gift would you like to bring Jesus? He will be so excited to receive it! Draw a picture of the gift that you want to bring Jesus.



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 2:1-12 in the word search below. Words may go up OR down and forward OR backward.

M L F X P G O L D J O Y V V F  
 A A M Y Z W X K O K Q Q E A K  
 E S E A R C H B M K I N G J W  
 R W H Z X D W X I I D B U K O  
 D T E H P O R P L I G A M B K  
 M E L A S U R E J M N J B A N  
 T L H Z T M Y R R H U H E S Z  
 S R T K R U C F E A D O M E T W  
 E B E I G L F Q E G S E I A U  
 I H B N X K I A D D C S S B R R  
 R C Y Z Y Y F P O G R S O N I  
 P M H D H L B I R A I I U R U  
 P A E I U R A W E X B A J O W  
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 E F W M M D Y B B H U L E F H

HEROD	MESSIAH	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM	STAR	SEARCH
JUDEA	CHILD	KING
JERUSALEM	MAGI	JOY
PRIEST	DREAM	PROPHET
SCRIBE	GOLD	ISRAEL