

NOTICES

Open House and Drinks

Andy and Debbie would like to invite you for drinks at their home **on Sunday 29th January between 3pm-6pm.** Please feel free to drop in anytime and stay for as little or long as you like. A selection of beverages will be provided, but you are also very welcome to bring your own. Hope to see you there! Please contact a member of staff for the address.

Peregrine Falcon Talk

Local Raptor enthusiasts, Richard Sale and Steve Watson will present a talk about all aspects of Peregrine life- including data and photographs from the Evesham Bell Tower, Charing Cross Hospital and a quarry in Castleweary Scotland. This event is being held on **Saturday 14th January at 2.00 pm,** The Parish Church of All Saints, Evesham, off Market Place, WR11 4RW.

For our Prayers this Week

For those who are sick, in special need or housebound:

Mark, Dave, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Anne, Thelma, Helen, (Pat's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Ron, Aileen, Kevin, Matthew, Aileen, Rosemary.



St Peter's
Bengeworth

Sunday 8th January 2023



Today's Services and Events – The First Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Praise
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: All Together Service

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this.

The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Tues 10th January - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 11th January- 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Fri 13th January - 10.00am: Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 15th January

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: Children's Groups

Collect:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Acts 17:16–28 ¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, ‘What does this babblers want to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.’ (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?’ ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.’ ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. ²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1–12

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.’ ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ “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.”’ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.’ ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

