

All Saints' Anglican Church

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As you prepare for worship... Epiphany of our Lord ABC

Isaiah 60:1-6: The king of Persia has allowed the people to return to Jerusalem, so the prophet called them to "arise," for joy, prosperity and salvation are theirs because God is with them. The prophet predicted a time when many nations will be called to God and will respond with gifts which mirror the gifts the magi (representing the Gentile nations) brought to the Christ child, God-with-us.

Ephesians 3:1-12: Paul wrote that in Christ Jesus, Jews and Gentiles are one, joined together in Christ's saving action, all of which was part of God's plan. Paul explained how the Old Testament speaks of salvation being extended to other nations but that this was not fully understood until now. Paul concluded this passage by reminding his readers of the irony that he, the great persecutor of Christians, would be called by God to be the "apostle to the Gentiles." The Church, Jew and Gentile, is the new Israel through which God is acting in the world.

Matthew 2:1-12: Magi are thought to be Persian astrologers and interpreters of dreams. It was thought that each person had his or her own star, so when a star is seen rising, it was believed that a king was born. Much has been written as to what this star the magi followed was, a supernova, a comet, or a coming together of some planets. Whatever it was, it led the magi to the Christ child, where they presented their gifts: gold for a king, frank incense for the worship of God, and myrrh which was a spice used in burial rituals – all of which points to the truth of who this child was. We have no idea of the number of magi, just that they brought three very expensive gifts. These gifts would have come in handy after the Holy Family fled as refugees to Egypt until God led them back to Israel in safety

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Activities this Week

Monday

Jan 6 7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement

Tuesday

Jan 7 7:00 pm – Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall

Wednesday

Jan 8 10:00 am – Bible Study, Rectory
7:00 pm – Bible Study, Rectory

Thursday

Jan 9 3:00 pm – Choir Practice

Friday

Jan 10 7:00 pm – Creative Word, Rectory
8:00 pm – Group Meeting, Parish Hall

Sunday

Jan 12 8:00 am & 10:30 am Joint Service, Saint Bartholomew's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE **

(Every Tuesday, 10:30 am Walking Group with a 11:30 pm Lunch.

This week TBA.

(Every Wednesday, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

Jan 10	7 pm – Creative Word, TBA
Jan 13	1:30 pm – Bible Crossword, Rectory
Jan 20	1:30 pm – ACW meets, Parish House
Jan 24	5 pm – The Slice
	6 pm – Hymn Sing

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon

(Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first.