

**NOTICES:**

**Welcome lists:** In the porch, please check dates and contact numbers.

**Epiphany Collection for Turning Tides:**

If you were unable to offer a gift today please do so next week or anytime in the box in Church.

**Children's Society:** We raised £377 at this years Christingle service.

**Christian Aid:** A big thank you to all supported the Christmas Card Scheme. £113.55 raised for Christian Aid so far. If anyone else would like to contribute, please let Judy Pullin know today.

**Change of Dates: For January only**

**Craft Get Together** - 8th Jan

**Coffee, Cake and Chat** - 15th Jan

**Chat and Chill - Why? With Fr Michael**

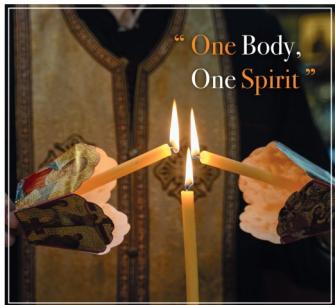
Ever wanted to ask a question: Why? What? about Christianity, Church, or Worship... come along and I will attempt to answer your questions at Chill & Chat in St James's on Tues 20th Jan 2pm. Fr Michael.

**Prayer Ministry Team:** Wed 14 Jan, 2.30pm; looking for new members, please speak to Fr Ben.

**Disabled Christian Fellowship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month @ Harriet Johnson Centre. All Welcome

**Lancing & Sompting Foodbank:** A list of regular and weekly requirements will be in the collecting box in the porch.

**Sunday 18 January, United Service, 4pm - St Michael and All Angels**



18-25 January - Prayers for Unity at 12 noon

Monday 19 - Sompting URC, Cuckham Road

Tuesday 20 - St Mary, Church Lane

Wednesday 21 - Lancing Methodist, South Street

Thursday 22 - St Michael and All Angels, South Street

Friday 23 - Holy Family, North Road

Saturday 24 - St Peter, Bowness Avenue

Sunday 25 - St James the Less, Manor Road

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

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# Parish of Lancing with Coombes



## Epiphany

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

10.30am Sung Parish Mass

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Michael Hart

Welcome to Mass today.  
Follow the service from this paper.

**Refreshments are served after the service - everyone is welcome to stay.**

## For your prayers...

**The Sick:** Chris Moran, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Marion Moon, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ellis Austin, Yvonne & Ian Parsons, Laura P, Pam Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Jo Q, Elaine Groves.

**Pray also:** Ian David, David Scott, Stella, Jaxson, Adam Mitchell, Richard Pullin, Teddy Bridges, Ann & Ernest, Nick Battershill, Margaret Sands, Celia Poetz, Gill Agate, Tommy Eames, Fiona Scott, Andrew, Paula Kinsella, Brad Holland.

**Recently Departed:** Helen Goodman

### **The Departed commemorated this week:**

Ann Pilbeam, Bill McCready, Joy Shouler, Phillip Ballam, John Hughes, Trevor Passmore, Joyce Humphrey, Stuart Brown, Ray Ward, Denis White

**Intentions:** Clergy Team & those living in Elmstone Cl, Belvedere Ave & Boundstone Lane.

### **Events and Services this week:**

**Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 8am Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Methodist Church.  
11am Said Mass.  
3pm Cursillo Group @ 22 Rossiter Rd

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 10am Craft Get-together

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 10.30am Sung Parish Mass.

*All at St James unless otherwise stated.*

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**ENTRANCE HYMN**  
NEH 49 Brightest and Best

After the clergy have processed in, please present your Epiphany offerings to the Altar.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Sung together*  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy.**  
**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *Sung together*

**R. Glory to God, Glory to God,**  
**Glory to God in the Highest.**

**Glory to God in the Highest,**  
and peace to his people on earth.  
**Lord God, Heav'nly King**  
**Almighty God and Father,**  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. **R.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **R.**

For you alone are the Holy one,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the Glory of God the Father. **R**

*Stand*

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,**  
because we all share in one bread.

**AGNUS DEI**

*(Sung together)*

**Lamb of God: you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**  
NEH 40 What child is this?

*Sit*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Kneel/Sit*

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**

**NOTICES**

*Sit*

**DISMISSAL**

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+ May almighty God bless you,  
the Father,  
and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL HYMN:**  
NEH 36 The First Nowell

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Stand*  
**NEH 47 As with gladness men of old**

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever  
**Amen**

## **EUCARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:*

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord** (Sung together)  
**God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.  
At the end all respond boldly;  
**Amen***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### *Sit/Kneel*

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen

## COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son  
to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.  
**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.

This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSE TO PSALM 72 :**  
Kings bow down before him; all the nations  
do him service.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that 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.

This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!** We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**HOMILY**

**BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY CHALK**

**NICENE CREED**

*Stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Kneel/Sit*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

+ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**PEACE**

*Stand*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*