

The Epiphany 8 Jan 2023

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,^[a]
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.

Psalms 72:10-14

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and
Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before
him, all nations give him service. For he delivers
the needy when they call, the poor and those who
have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the
needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their
life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Ephesians 3:1-12

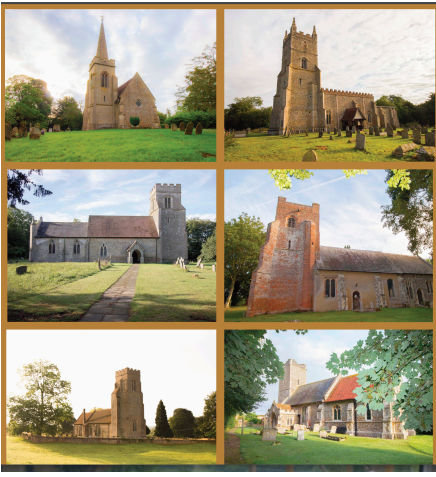
This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for
Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely
you have already heard of the commission of God's
grace that was given to me for you, and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I
wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the
mystery of Christ. In former generations this
mystery^[b] 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.

Matthew 2:1-12.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^[a] 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^[e] 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.



Church Services

Sunday 8 Jan

All Saints Church Chevington 0900 Morning Prayer
St Mary's Church Hawkedon Holy Communion 0900
All Saints Church Chedburgh 1100 Holy Communion

Tue 10 Jan

All Saints Rede 1600 Holy Communion

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Plough Sunday Cathedral Service

8 January 2023, 3.30pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP1 1LS

St Edmundsbury Cathedral will mark Plough Sunday with the blessing of a tractor and plough. Choral Evensong takes place in the Cathedral at 3.30 pm, which will include prayers led by the Agricultural Chaplain, Graham Miles. Following the service, clergy and congregation will make their way out to the Norman Tower where the plough will be located. This year, the plough is very kindly being provided by the Euston Estate. Everyone is welcome to join the service and blessing.

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