

# Sunday

in the Parish of Honley with Brockholes

8 January 2017 | The Epiphany



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

**Welcome** If you are a newcomer or visitor, we welcome you and want you to feel at home. Please introduce yourself and join us for refreshments after the 9.30 and 11 a.m. services.

THE Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on 6th January, but it can be transferred to a Sunday, so we are celebrating it today. It has another title in the *Prayer Book*, which tells us what today is about: it is 'The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'. That the wise men were neither kings nor necessarily three is incidental; but that they were not Jews is important. God reveals himself uniquely and definitively in Jesus Christ for all people, whoever they are.

That means today is a Sunday on which to pray for our *evangelism*. The word 'evangelism' means 'sharing the gospel' – the good news about Jesus. If you are a Christian, the reason is that someone cared enough for you to tell you about Jesus. It may have been a member of your family, or a neighbour, or even a clergyman, who first explained the gospel to you, but someone did. We must do likewise, prompted by God's love, obedient to Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit. If you don't, who will?

We had many visitors to church over Christmas. They heard that Jesus is the Saviour everyone desperately needs, for without him we are lost for ever. If one of your neighbours or friends came to a Christmas service, why not ask them what they made of what they heard? You could give them a copy of *The Real Christmas* (copies are available in church) or *Two Ways to Live*, and bring them to *Alpha* later in the year. Evangelism is not a task for others. If you are a Christian, it is a task for you.

**Father, you have called us to be disciples of your Son in Honley and Brockholes. May your word be spoken and heard in our parish, and accepted by many with lasting joy. Give us the gift of growth: growth in discipleship, and growth in the number of disciples, to the praise of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Today's Worship

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's  
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION with Sunday Club – St Mary's  
11.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St George's  
6.00 p.m. Evening Service – St George's  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (1662) – St Mary's

## Readings at 9.30 and 11 a.m.

Isaiah 60.1-6 (p. 748)  
Matthew 2.1-12 (p. 966)

## Hymns at 9.30 a.m.

94, 96, 104, 74, 719

## Hymns at 11.00 a.m.

96, 95, 103, 94

## The Collect of the Epiphany

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. **Amen.**

## DIARY

### Monday 9th January

**Tuesday 10th January** 11.00 a.m. Memorial Service (Max Selka) – St George's  
*William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

**Wednesday 11th January** 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (1662) – St Mary's  
*Mary Slessor, Missionary in* 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion – St Mary's  
*West Africa, 1915* 5.00 p.m. PRAYER GATHERING – Parish Rooms

**Thursday 12th January** 9.00 a.m. Let's Play – Parish Rooms  
*Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of* 12 noon Bible Study – St Mary's  
*Rievaulx, 1167*  
*Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth,*  
*Scholar, 689*

### Friday 13th January

*Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*  
*Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603*  
*George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691*

### Saturday 14th January

**Sunday 15th January** 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's  
*The Second Sunday of Epiphany* 9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St Mary's *Ephesians 1.1-14*  
11.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St George's *Ephesians 1.1-14*

## PRAYERS

1. Among the sick and the housebound, we pray for <names deleted from on-line version>
2. Our Parish Growth Prayer – please use this in your daily prayers:

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## NOTICES

1. There will be a meeting about the 'Water of Life' science and faith project at St Mary's on Tuesday 17th January at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
2. Jenny Lockwood is organising a Picnic Concert at St Mary's. It will be in the evening of Saturday 6th May.
3. The Bible study re-commences this Thursday. It would be a good Thursday on which to come if you have not been before. No previous experience is necessary. We shall be looking at Romans 3.21-16.
4. Next Sunday we begin a new series of sermons in Paul's letter to the Ephesians.
5. The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer is a continuous expression of commitment in prayer to each other. For the next three days, members of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Leeds play their part in sustaining this worldwide Wave of Prayer in special services praying for all their fellow members, but thinking especially of their linked dioceses in Rwanda, Nigeria, Lesotho and the Solomon Islands, knowing that others in the same way will be praying for us. St Mary's branch of the Mothers' Union has been allocated a 'wave' on Tuesday 10th January between 10.00 and 10.30 a.m.