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1st Sunday Of Epiphany

Sunday 7th January 2024

Christ Church Epiphany The Musical

Journey Into A New Year

We so love Christmas that we tend to pack what is quite a long time span all into one story! So, Mary finds she is going to have a baby a mere carol away from the birth and the shepherds and wise men all turning up in one big jamboree! But, in history, all this took time.

The visitors from the East took time to arrive and so they launch the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means 'manifestation' or sudden revealing and looks at how the coming of Jesus was not just for his own people but for everyone.

Starting with the wise men, we trace over the weeks how Jesus showed he was for everybody. God with us wherever we are or whoever we are.

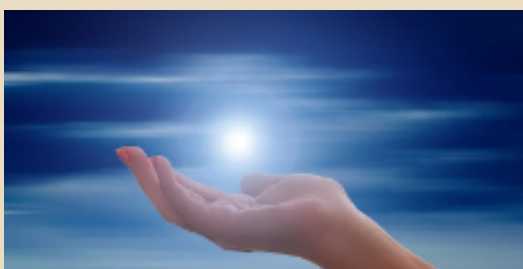


But the journey of the wise men is a great story plot so join us today for 'Epiphany - The Musical'!

Emmanuel John 1: 1-14

The theological word used to describe what happened at Christmas is that it was the "incarnation".

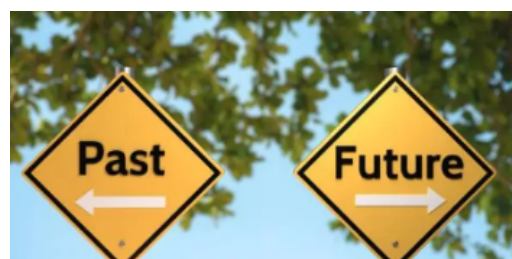
But what did that mean - and not just theoretically? What difference does it mean to us today living out our lives as Christians?



Evening Prayer Service

Between The Past & The Future...

*Sunday 7th January at 6pm
at Christ Church*



Wishing you all a Happy New Year! It's only a few days since the Christmas season but our thoughts quickly turn to all that 2024 promises. For some this is a time of great anticipation and for others we will have concerns and worries.

Can I invite you to put these into God's hands - he will be your guide and steadfast companion so that nothing we have to face we need face alone?

One way of doing this is to join us for our 6pm monthly prayer services - there is one this Sunday. It will be a gentle time for us to reflect back as individuals upon our past year and to pray for the New Year we are entering - bringing our hopes and concerns to God together.

Tom

Prayer Pointers

As we enter this season of Epiphany, let us pray:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace. And, in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory 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 forever. Amen.

Pray that more people will become aware of God's presence in their lives - that the scales will drop from their eyes to let them know you fully.

In our world there is so much to pray for due both to natural disasters and man made devastation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all caught up in these situations.

May God prompt us to pray for so many in the world who are struggling due to poverty and hunger, homelessness and conflict, bad governance, famine, and homelessness.

Pray for the people in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Palestine who have lost homes and families. Whose lives have been completely devastated.

Closer to home, we pray for those who are reliant on Foodbanks and monetary benefits. We also pray for the homeless who need to rely on organisations such as Somewhere To Go and the Beacon for sustenance, help, and a safe bed. We give thanks for those who give their time working in all these organisations.

For all those affected by the devastating floods in so many areas of this country. For those who live and work in places which have been affected numerous times or whose homes are under serious threat.

Let us pray for our home Town Council and Local Authority, and those elected as our councillors - that the decisions they make will be wise and beneficial to all.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

What's On This Week

Sunday 7th January

Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Christ Church
'Between The Past & The Future...'

Monday 8th January

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 9th January

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 10th January

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 11th January

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 13th January

Repair Café from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Sunday 14th January

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Notices

Christmas Cards

There are still a few Christmas cards in the pigeon holes at Christ Church - please do have a look to see if any are for you!

Verse For The Week

" The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. "

John 1: 14

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Coffee after the Service...

Pon Duchesne's Funeral

The funeral for Pon Duchesne
will be held on:
Thursday 11th January at 11:30am
at Emmanuel
All church family are invited



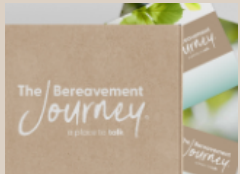
Christmas Cards!



The Craft & Chat group would be happy to take any old Christmas cards - if you haven't yet recycled yours, please pop them in the plastic box at the back of Christ Church.

COURSES STARTING THIS NEW YEAR...

ALPHA - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
AT 2PM STARTING 17TH JANUARY



BEREAVEMENT - MONDAY
EVENINGS AT 7PM STARTING
ON 22ND JANUARY

SEE TOM/LARISSA OR TAKE A FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.



Sunday 14th January

Join us after the morning service
in the Spire Centre (pre-school room)
12noon(ish) until 1:30pm!

Let Nicky know if you can come!
email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

BRIDGWATER CONVENTION

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd
February 2024

Theme: "Being Confident In The Bible's Timeless Truth"

Main speaker: Andrew Ollerton from the Bible Society
(who wrote The Bible Course)

If anyone is interested in attending, please click [here](#)
for more information/to book tickets, pick up a flyer
from the back of church, or have a word with
Emma in the Church Office.

REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café will be held
on Saturday 13th January 2024
from 10am-12:30pm at
Christ Church

For further details please see
our website (under the
'Community' heading + 'Repair
Café') or click on the link below:
<https://ccwsm.org.uk/repair-cafe/>