

St George-in-the-East

Epiphany



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From the Churchwardens...

As the New Year starts, we begin to think ahead to what this year may bring for St George-in-the-East, but first our thanks to everyone who helped transform the church ready for Christmas. Our new tree looked stunning twinkling a warm welcome, the flowers added splashes of colour, and we were pleased that Allan was able to find ivy this year! Thank you to everyone who helped over Christmas. Sadly the decorations have come down but the crib remains until Candlemas at the beginning of February.

So, to look ahead....

January will be an important month as we come to the end of the consultation period, receive the report from Ali Lyon, and the PCC meets with Bishop Adrian on the 22nd. The PCC will also be writing and presenting their response to the conclusions of the consultation to Bishop Adrian -we will keep everyone updated. If you have any queries do contact us, or any of the PCC.

We're planning for external decoration of the building in the late spring, and hope we have found a solution to lowering the flagpole! The flagpole's lowering mechanism is stuck, hence the flag remains caught. We have discovered that the company that installed the flagpole are still trading so we hope they will have a solution, otherwise a cradle will need to be created to lower the flagpole safely. We're also beginning to write funding applications for disabled access and a new roof.

St George-in-the-East is joining together with Darul Ummah mosque, and other Shadwell churches for a 'Shadwell Sunday Lunch'. The first is being held on Sunday 22nd February, 1.30-3.30 and being hosted by Darul Ummah (our turn will come later), everybody is welcome!

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From the (interim) editor...

Start the year as you mean to go on, the interim editor intended to begin his message. However, he then proceeded to forget to finish writing the first newsletter of the year! Hopefully punctuality will be restored (December's was two weeks early, so don't get your hopes up).

The season of Epiphany ends with the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (also known as Candlemas) as a child, 40 days after birth, and thus and with Christmas the season ends 40 days after Christmas. The readings in the lectionary take in Jesus' early life and the very beginning of his ministry including his first miracle at the *Marriage at Cana* and his baptism (although not necessarily in order—Jesus was baptised as an adult!) and is a good way to start to think of what was yet to come.

As for a good start of the year for newsletters...there's always next year.

Paul

Services and readings	
11 January— First Sunday of Epiphany—The Baptism of Christ Tim Clapton: Centre for Theology & Community	Genesis 1.1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11
18 January— Second Sunday of Epiphany Jeremy Crossley: St Margaret Lothbury	1 Samuel 3.1-10[11-20] Psalm 139.1-5,12-18* Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-51
25 January— Third Sunday of Epiphany Jenny Petersen: QMUL	Genesis 14.17-20 Psalm 128 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11
1 February— The Presentation of Christ in the Temple TBC	Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

Epiphany Wordsearch

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Words to find:

John The Baptist, River Jordan, Jerusalem, Candlemas, Bethany, Simeon, Israel, Jesus, Mary, Anna, Magi

