

NOTICES

THANK YOU

To all those who have worked so hard over the past days and weeks to make sure our churches look as beautiful as they do and to those who have supported all of the events and acts of worship that have taken place along with any who have contributed in any way.

Gift for the Christ Child

This year any gifts for the Christ child placed in the crib are going to The Trussell Trust which provides foodbanks throughout the UK.

Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church. For the donation basket could we ask that they donate tins, packets, etc that are in date and do not need any refrigeration. Thank you.

Thank you

To Walter & Iraina for hosting our Christmas Party and to all those who helped and supported it in any way.

Dates for the Diary

If anyone has any ideas for events or fund-raisers for 2023 please let Fr Schaefer know before the beginning of January 2023 as they will need to be booked in so that we have no clashes between our church diaries.

Queen's Green Canopy

The trees for the late Queen's green canopy are planted. There are 10 trees in total if you would like to buy a tree or contribute towards one in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings received they are £256.00 each.

Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday, after Mass at Bolton Church Hall there is a Coffee Morning and the chance to socialise and chat. On each first Saturday of the month we are holding a Coffee Morning at Bolton Church Hall.

HAPPY EPIPHANY

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, GOLDTHORPE.

6th January 2023

THE EPIPHANY



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THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand.

**As with gladness men of old did the
guiding star behold,
as with joy they held it's light, lead-
ing onward, beaming bright.
So, most gracious God, may we
evermore be lead to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, to
that lowly manger-bed, there to bend
the knee before
Him Whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.**

We Pause the Hymn to bless the Epiphany Crib

**As they offered gifts most rare at the
manger rude and bare, so may we
with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy, all
our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring
our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright need they
no created light,
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou
its Sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to
our King.**

Priest: + In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass is introduced along with its intention and
theme and we are invited to call to mind our sins using
these or similar words*

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

Choir: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God
and Prince of Peace:
Kyrie eleison

People: **Kyrie eleison**

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Choir: You are the Son of God and Son of Mary. Christe eleison.

People: **Christe eleison**

Choir: You are the Word made flesh, the splendour of the Father: Kyrie eleison

People: **Kyrie eleison**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis follows

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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. Amen.

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray
O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know

you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading
A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah
Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.
All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Bow down for God's blessing

May God who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope and charity.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: and since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters.

People: **Amen**

Priest: and so, when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light who is Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen**

Priest: and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever

People: **Amen**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**

We sing our final Hymn

**We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever,
Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising
Gladly raising,
Worship him, God on high.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heaven sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

The Breaking of the Bread

People: **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.**

We kneel

Priest: +Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion Sentence

Priest: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

The Communion Hymn follows

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

*The Post Communion prayer
We stand*

Priest: Let us pray.
Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.
All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Ephesians
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

+A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 2:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Homily now follows
We sit*

We stand for

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*At the words that follow, up to and including and be-
came man, all bow.*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I 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
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the +Resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Bidding Prayers now follow

Response

Priest: Lord hear us

People: Lord graciously hear us

Priest: +Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: and let light perpetual shine
upon them

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: Amen

People: Hail Mary, full of grace, the
Lord is with thee. Blessed
art thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour
of our death.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We sing the Offertory Hymn

**Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorn-
ing,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is
laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are
shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of
the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclin-
ing,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of
all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly de-
votion,
Odours of Edom and offerings di-
vine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of
the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from
the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour
secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the
poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is
laid.**

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people
respond each time*

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this
my sacrifice and yours may be accepta-
ble 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 holy Church.**

The prayer over the Offerings

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: **It is right and just**

*The Preface follows, at the end of the preface we
sing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

We Kneel

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic
Prayer.*

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **Save us, save us saviour of
the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is
yours, for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say:

People: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray,
from every evil, graciously
grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your
mercy, we may be always
free from sin and safe from
all distress, as we await the
blessed hope and the
coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

People: **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: 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,