

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
The Epiphany (Transferred from 6th) Sunday 9th January 2022

Interm Priest We welcome Revd. Canon Sandy Montgomerie to lead us in worship today.

- 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
96. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
661 Holy holy holy is the Lord (Communion)
94. As with gladness men of old

Collect

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations: Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 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.
3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 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.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6 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.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

- 1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
2 '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.'
3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 "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."'
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8 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.'
9 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.

10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

11 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.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this Eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

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The December/January issue of the magazine is now available on line or at the back of the church

The deadline for the February magazine is the 23rd of January please send any articles to Gib

The vestry are meeting on 15th January please include this meeting in your prayers

Notice re Christmas Lunch

The vestry feel we should cancel the Christmas meal which was due to take place on Sunday 16th January, due to the latest restrictions. Hopefully we could have it later on in the spring? Please ask to be reimbursed by Chris if you have already paid.

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