

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	<b>Epiphany Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Baptism of Christ January 10<sup>th</sup></b>
10.00am	St Stephen's Holy Communion	St Stephen's Holy Communion
11.00.am Celebrant Reading Reader Prayers	No 11am Service today Please join us for the Christingle	Holy Communion Rev Patrick Acts 19 v1-7 Carol Waddington Peter Pike
3.30pm 4.30pm	Christingle Workshop Christingle Service Matthew 2 v1-12	
Wednesday	St Stephen's <b>2.30pm</b> Holy Communion	St Peter's <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion

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### VISITOR INFORMATION

We are here to welcome everyone, and we want to help those who have dementia to feel safe and help them to worship with us.

**If you wish to make a donation to St Peter's** and you are a tax payer, please remember that donations can be "gift aided" by using a gift aid envelope and completing the details on it. These are available from the book cupboards at the door.

Please note the change to the service times for the midweek communion

JANUARY	Wednesday 10.30am	Wednesday 2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>		St Stephen's
13 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's	
20 <sup>th</sup>		St Stephen's
27 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's	



**ST PETER'S CHURCH, BURNLEY**  
**Epiphany Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**, we pray that 2021 will be the end of the Covid virus and allow us to be free of the ongoing restrictions, for now we can continue in worship in our building.

**Welcome to the newly refurbished St Peter's.** I hope you like what you see, and we will get used to our new facilities with the limitations of Social Distancing.

**Today there is not an 11am Service instead we meet for our Epiphany Christingle service in the afternoon**, to take advantage of having darkness for the end of the service when we light our Christingles candles. This is preceded by the Family Crafts which will add to the event.

The Christingle service is a fund raiser for the Children's Society so please give a donation at the end of the service, Gift Aid envelopes are available and need to be completed so that income tax can be reclaimed.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**, with Bishop Philip, will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at St Stephen's. Anyone wishing to be confirmed should talk to Patrick this week, and a short course will be arranged. Baptism Certificates are required in advance of the service.

**Readings and Prayers for this week:**

**Collect**

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Reading: Isaiah 6 v1-6**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

**4** At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

**5** 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'

**6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

**Gospel: Matthew 2 v1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

**3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: **6** "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

**7** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

**9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### **Post Communion**

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Diocesan Vision Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **A prayer for our communities at this time of concern**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**