

St. James the Less **Nutley Church**

THE NOTICEBOARD

HAPPY NEW YEAR IT IS EPIPHANY

SERVICES

January 2019

6 January	Epiphany Sunday	9.15 All Age Service
		6.30 Holy Communion
13 January		8.00 Holy Communion*
		9.15 Morning Service
16 January		9.30 Holy Communion
20 January		9.15 Parish Communion
27 January		8.00 Holy Communion*
		9.15 Morning Service

* We use the Book of Common Prayer for this service

EVENTS/FUTURE SERVICES

Coffee Pop-In every Wednesday from 10.15 – 11.15 in the Church Hall

Sunrise Café every Friday in term time from 9 – 10 in the Church Hall

The Village Lunch will be on Monday 14 January at 12.30 in the Church Hall

Holy Communion: we meet for Holy Communion on the third Wednesday of the month (ie 16 January) at 9.25 to start at 9.30

THANKS to Pam Marsh, our enhanced Choir and to David Bailey for the lovely music over Christmas, especially at the Carol Service.

THANKS too to the team under Jean Kemm who decorated the Church and the Christmas Tree so beautifully.

THANKS also to many helpers who mulled wine, gave and served mince pies, took on sidesperson and steward duties, made Christingles, made the Advent Wreath, put up the candles and the crib and greeted visitors.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The interview of a candidate to be our next Vicar; this will take place on Tuesday 8 January – praying for the candidate and all involved in the process, especially Liz Kosh and Karen White who are our lay members on the interview panel

Our PCC which will meet on Wednesday 16 January

Those among us who are struggling with illness, sadness or the problems of being old.

BISHOP RICHARD will be leading our 9.15 service on Sunday 13 January – polish your shoes!

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE was not on the agenda as it was thought that it might be one service too many after Carols and then Christmas day. The Brittons, Whites and others said that this was a shame and offered to run it with a group of friends – and they did. Bravo to them. It was another Christmas success.

EPIPHANY is the season when we celebrate the “next” part of the birth story of Christ; ie it is the time when we remember that the baby was recognised as special, particularly by the visit of the Kings/Magi (were there three? – that is not what it says in the Bible, though three presents were mentioned). Anyway, the second big point for most of us is not just that he was recognised, but recognised by gentiles/non-Jewish people. During Epiphany we have the Saint’s Day for St Paul, the great apostle to the gentiles, and the week of Christian Unity. It is a season when we should pray for the mission of the church – pray and try to do something about it.

NUNC DIMITTIS/SONG OF SIMEON is thought of as sad by many Christians, perhaps because it is so often sung at funerals, and has the words “Lord now let your servant depart in peace.” No – it is a song of great joy because Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see the Messiah before he died, and Simeon, by then an old man, was in the Temple when the baby Jesus was first brought there, and recognised him. Imagine his joy! And the song reflects his joy. It is reported in Luke’s gospel at Chap 2 v 25. The event is celebrated as the Feast of the Presentation and is the end of the joyful season of Epiphany on 2 February.