

The Churches of St John the Baptist & St Anne



The Parish of Hythe



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Epiphany

Welcome

Especially if this is your first visit - we hope you will enjoy the service. If you need any help during the service please ask the person at the door or the person sitting next to you. We hope that you will be able to stay after the service for coffee. Please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or a member of the welcome team, who would love the chance to get to know you better.

To find out more about the life at St. John's & St. Anne's please visit:

www.stjohnshythe.org

Matthew 2.1 - 12

'Wise men from the East came



Services for today, January 7th - Epiphany

St Anne's	09:00	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
St John's	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	10:30	Family Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	17:00	Epiphany Carol Service	Rev Jo Elvidge
Readings:			
1 Isaiah 60.1 - 6		Diana Gribble	
2 Ephesians 3.1 - 12		Pamela Gilson	G Matthew 2.1 - 12
Tba Epiphany Carol Service			
Intercessions		Sue Blomley	
Hymns	10:30	39, 805, 705, 280	
	17:00	Epiphany Carols	

Events Calendar - this week - Monday 8th January to Sunday 14th

Mon 8 Jan	Julian Meeting - 28 Atheling Road	19:30	
Tue 9 Jan	Holy Communion - St John's	09:00	Rev Edgar Ruddock
	Shoppers' Pause for Thought	10:45	John Madgwick
Fri 12 Jan	Holy Communion - St John's	10:00	Rev Jeff Watson

Prayers. You are invited to join in saying prayers every Monday to Friday in St John's: Morning Prayers at 08:30 & Evening Prayers at 17:30.

If you organise an event, meeting or group activity: Please check with the Parish Office to ensure there isn't a clash with your event and, if you want it to appear in the Pew Sheet, send the details to Bob Joughin, preferably by Email, to r.joughin@btinternet.com or by phone: 023 8087 9992 as early as possible. In addition, please contact the Parish office to arrange a baptism or marriage. The telephone number for the Office is: 023 8084 4336

We are pleased to be welcoming Bishop Jonathan Frost on Sunday 21st January who will lead our 10.30 am Eucharist and bless the new MPR room and kitchenette.

Messy Church - Chris Stubbington is holding a planning meeting for our forthcoming 'Messy Churches'. If you are interested in finding out about or helping at either the NEW St John's one, and/or at the one at St. Anne's, please come to a meeting at 13:00 on Friday 13th January in the St John's church hall. She will be looking forward to seeing you.

Ladies Lunch - Monday 22nd January. The sign up sheet for our first Ladies Lunch this year is on the table at the back of church. We will make a return visit to The Forest Home which isn't too far in case of bad weather. Looking forward to meeting with you. Janet Chapman - 023 8084 8770.

Services for next week, January 14th – The Baptism of Christ

St Anne's	09:00	Holy Communion	Rev Edgar Ruddock
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St John's	08:00	Communion	Rev Peter Murphy
	10:30	Open House	Chris Stubbington
	18:30	Evensong	Rev Jeff Watson

Readings:

1 1 Samuel 3.1 - 20 or	Tim Gibson	
2 Revelation 5.1 - 10		G John 1.43 - end
4 Isaiah 60.9 - end	Ray Heslop	
5 Hebrews 6.17 - 7.10		

Intercessions	Open House
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Hymns	10:30 Open House
	18:30 583, Psalm 139, 89, 39

Prayers and Gospel reading for today

Collect

God, who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God,
 the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
 may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
 discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
 the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is welcome at the altar rail at the time of communion. If you normally take the bread and wine in your own church you are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you as a sign for the servers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1 - 12*Hear the Gospel of the Lord****Glory be to thee, O Lord***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord****Praise be to thee, O Christ***