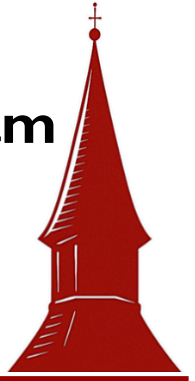

Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 4th January 2026

Epiphany Sunday

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



Today's services

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan

9.30am Holy Communion

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Preacher: The Revd Andrew Hurst

Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too.

We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: <https://stmarksnewnham.org> where you can sign up for our email.

Hymns: 94 As with gladness men of old
105 We three Kings
453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
725 Make me a channel of your peace

For your prayers: The King; Anne Howie; Michael Wallis; the family and friends of Canon Jim Garrard.

Collect Prayer for the Week:

O 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.

Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Useful contacts
<p>For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar. For information about our visiting group please contact our administrator.</p> <p>Vicar: The Revd Jim Robinson revjrobinson@gmail.com 01223 455463</p> <p>Curate: The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire kemokpaire@gmail.com 07961 916576</p> <p>Assistant Priests: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan revtbuchanan@gmail.com The Revd Andrew Hurst andrewhurst65@outlook.com</p> <p>Parish Safeguarding Officer: James Gorick safeguarding@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Choir Director: Marcus Cox singing@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Treasurer: Xanthe Langley treasurer@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Churchwardens: Nigel Porter 07910242717 Sarah Perry sarahperrywarden@gmail.com</p> <p>Administrator: Felicity Parker administrator@stmarksnewnham.org</p> <p>Community Centre: Xanthe Langley communitycentre@stmarksnewnham.org</p>

Services this week
<p>Tuesday, 6th January</p> <p>11am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p> <p>Sunday, 11th January</p> <p>8am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p> <p>9.30am, Morning Worship led by The Revd Kennedy Emokpaire with Alison Rose preaching</p> <p>6pm, Choral Evensong led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p> <p>Morning Prayer is said in church at 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.</p> <p>Jim will not be present to lead Morning Prayer on Monday, 5th January.</p>

Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Foodbank Collections

Please bring donations for the foodbank to church on Sunday 11th January, or on Thursday 8th January to 19 Kings Road (Eleanor Scott) 9am-3pm, or 1 Millington Road (Rosey Gardiner) 8am-6pm. The weekly email has an up-to-date list of what's needed.

Funeral service for Canon Jim Garrard

A Requiem Eucharist will be held in Ely Cathedral on Friday, 9th January at 11.30am. All are welcome to attend, and you can also watch the service at the link below.

<https://www.elycathedral.org/about/news-media/latest-news>

The Not So Bleak Midwinter, Sunday 11th January at 3pm

Cantores Singers and friends present an afternoon of songs, readings and music to cheer a wintry day. Entry is free and there is no need to book. Refreshments will be provided.

St Mark's New Year Parish Lunch

To beat the January blues, and mark the beginning of the new year, you are heartily invited to join us for a parish lunch, on Sunday 18th January, 12.30 in the Community Centre.

£5 per person (cash on the day please!).

You are welcome to bring a bottle!

If anyone is willing to contribute a quiche, or a crumble, then please contact Sarah Perry:

sarahperrywarden@gmail.com

A sign up sheet for attendance/helping can be found in the narthex.

Charity of the Month: ITAC (Cambridge Churches Homeless Project)

It Takes A City (ITAC) manages the emergency winter accommodation for rough sleepers in Cambridge. Over the course of the winter about 50 men, women and their dogs are supported in the accommodation including people who come in off the streets during periods of severe cold or wet weather. Many of the people accommodated have high support needs because they have complex mental health or substance use issues and have already been banned from other accommodation in the city. The ITAC staff provide personalised trauma informed support and look to resettle them in longer term accommodation where they will receive appropriate support. ITAC is a local homelessness partnership which works by partnering with other organisations in the city to ensure people receive specialist support. ITAC partners with the Cambridge Churches Homelessness project (CCHP) who help with recruitment and management of volunteers. About 120 volunteers support the provision with about 75% coming from churches in the city.