

St Michael and St Mary Magdalene

Easthampstead

READINGS and NOTICES

Sunday 1st January 2012

The Naming of Jesus

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU

In the event of fire or other emergency please do not panic. The Churchwardens and sidespeople are trained to direct you safely from the building by the most appropriate exit.

10.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Guy Cole

Preacher: Fr Guy Cole

If you are a taxpayer please use a green envelope for your giving. One can be found at the end of the pew. Pens are available from the Churchwardens to complete and sign it so that the tax can be reclaimed.

You are invited to receive the sacrament if you are accustomed to doing so here or elsewhere.

If you bring a young child with you and they become restless, books and toy bags are available at the back of church.

You are invited to stay for coffee after the service in the Annexe.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

From Fr Guy, Revd Peter and Revd La. Thank you to everyone for your best wishes cards and presents.

Next Sunday, 8th January 2012,

The Epiphany of Our Lord

The Parish Office is open Tues 3.30pm-4.30pm

& Wed 6.30pm-8.00pm. Tel: 01344 425205

Notices need to be in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday to appear on the following Sunday Pew Sheet.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the World;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Amen

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 8

R: How glorious is your name in all the world.

1 O ' Lord our ' governor : how glorious is your ' name in ' all the ' world!

2 Your majesty above the ' heavens is ' praised : out of the ' mouths of ' babes · at the ' breast. R

3 You have founded a stronghold a'gainst your ' foes : that you might still the ' enemy ' and the a'venger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the ' work of your ' fingers : the moon and the stars ' that you ' have or'dained, *R*

5 What are mortals, that you should be ' mindful ' of them :

mere human beings, that ' you should ' seek them ' out?

6 You have made them little lower ' than the ' angels : and ' crown them with ' glory and ' honour. *R*

7 You have given them dominion over the ' works of your ' hands and put ' all things ' under their ' feet,

8 All ' sheep and ' oxen : even the ' wild beasts ' of the ' field, *R*

9 The birds of the air, the ' fish of the ' sea : and whatsoever moves ' in the ' paths of the ' sea.

10 O ' Lord our ' governor : how glorious is your ' name in ' all the ' world! *R*

Glory be to the Father, and 'to the 'Son, and 'to the 'Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and 'ever 'shall be, world without 'end. 'A'men.

New Testament Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Intercessions:

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for the Diocese of York, England and for The Most Revd John Sentamu.

In our Diocese: We pray Parish and District councillors serving the people of the Deanery of Maidenhead and Windsor. The Board for Mission and The Ministry of Christian Healing.

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was given the name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared
in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power
of the name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Notices

Dates for the coming week's services can be found in the church porch. For other information look in The Link or on our website.

Parents: To comply with our Safe from Harm Policy please ensure that all children are accompanied to the toilet during services. For Health & Safety reasons please keep your children with you in the Annexe after the service as no one is in church to supervise them. Youth Children & Safe from Harm Committee.

Exploring Faith: A new Exploring Faith course is starting on the 12th January 2012. For more details please see flyer at the back of church.