

ST MARY AND ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH  
CHESTER-LE-STREET  
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SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018  
EPIPHANY

**Collect for Epiphany**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise Him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Today's Services**

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

(Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12 & Matthew 2.1-12)

**10.00 am** Parish All Age Service (*no services at the Hermitage or C of E*)

**4.00 pm** Messy Planners, Centre

**6.00 pm** Evening Prayer (Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 & John 1.29-34)



**Prayer for the Bereaved**

We pray for the Lord to comfort all those who are mourning the death of loved ones.

We pray especially for the families and friends of Betty Fairley (85) and Margaret (Peggy) Middlemass (88), whose funerals have taken place through the ministry of this church during the past week.

Our next **Alpha** will be on Monday evenings starting with a short Introduction tomorrow (Monday January 8) at 6.30 pm. Leaflets available.

**New Year Ceilidh** on Saturday 27 January, 7 pm in the Centre with a live band. Tickets from Parish Office £5 (£1 for under 16). "Faith supper", bring your own drink.

One of our Readers, **Joyce Neary**, and her husband Jim, are to move quite soon. We are to have a joint farewell (with St Cuthbert's RC, where Jim worships) **on Sunday January 21 in our Centre, 12 noon for 12.30 pm**. Shared food. Can bring drinks. Cuppas provided. Donations to Office for farewell gift.

**Diary for the week**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Introduction to Alpha, Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Centre
	<b>11.15 am</b>	Churches Together meeting, Centre
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Baptism Preparation evening, Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) in Church (Readings: 1 John 3.11-21 & John 1.35-42)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Service at Pelton Fell, Brockwell Centre
<b>Saturday</b>		<i>No coffee morning</i>

**Services on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Epiphany 2**

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

(Readings: Rev 5.1-10 & John 1.43-end)

**10.00 am** Area services at Central, North and South

**4.00 pm** Messy Church, Centre

**6.00 pm** Holy Communion (Readings: Isaiah 60.9-end and Matt 8.5-13)

**Christians against Poverty** Job Club – the third one starts this week on Friday morning (Jan 12). Pray for all those involved to be helped into employment and experience God's love for them. If you know someone who could be helped, contact Ian Goulding 07594 525585.

**February magazine material** is required by Tuesday 16 January to Jan in the Office.

**Songs of Praise** this afternoon (BBC1 at 4.30 pm) features Durham especially spotlighting the Lumiere festival and the cathedral.

We have received the Faculty permission to go ahead with the **new church projection** system – it will be installed in late January.

**John Hall's funeral** aged 99, retired Reader Friday (January 12) at 11 am in church.

Our week of Prayer for **Christian Unity** January 21 - 28.