

PRIMLEY CHURCH - JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell or struggling.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JAN 18TH-25TH

CHURCH MEETING - JANUARY 30th after the service

A donation of £200.00 was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee for Afghanistan from the Carol Service offering.

Thank you all so much

ROTAS					
JANUARY	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Elder	Barbara	Roger	Maggie	Barbara	Richard
Door Stewards	Alison	Barbara	Eleanor	Alison	Roger & Marilyn
Communion - Roger and Marilyn					
JANUARY			PREACHERS		
2 nd			Roger Stinson		
9 th			Richard Wainwright		
16 th			TBA		
23 rd			TBA (Communion)		
30 th			Rev Sabrina Groschel (Church Meeting)		
February 6 th			Bobby and Malcolm Fortnam		

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian festival, which starts on 6th January. It is a special date in the Christmas story as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realized something.

In some countries many families will celebrate January 6th and exchange presents. In Spain and Latin America, *El Dia de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself. A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Día de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fireworks displays to mark the occasion.

Eastern Orthodox Christians actually celebrate Christmas on Epiphany, so it's an important religious occasion. The date of Epiphany also happens around the time for Twelfth Night too.

Jesus was revealed as God's wonderful gift to us. What we give back to our Lord may seem very trivial, modest and poor, but the giving of ourselves to God, is our most important gift to him. Even then this is still so small in comparison to what God has given us. Nevertheless this is the best gift that we can offer the Christ-child - the gift of ourselves.

God gave himself to us because he loves us. May his love be reflected in our lives as we worship him with all our hearts.

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