



### The Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### The Epistle – Galatians 4.1-7

Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

### The Gospel – St. Matthew 1.18-21

The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: and she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.) Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name Jesus.

We welcome the Rev'd Canon Richard Moatt as our guest celebrant and preacher today, on Fr Herbert's Sunday off. He returns next week for the First Sunday After the Epiphany/Baptism of Christ.

### COLLECT for The Epiphany (6th January)

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### RECTOR

We will be re-advertising for the vacancy shortly with interviews scheduled for the end of February, Covid restrictions permitting.

Meanwhile, we pray:  
*ALMIGHTY God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a Rector for this benefice, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.*

### BISHOPS' SERMONS

Our bishops have recorded a series of seasonal sermons to watch online. View at: [www.chichester.anglican.org/christmassermon](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/christmassermon)

### PRAYERS

We pray for all those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity; including: Phil, Pam Swabey, Joan Bishop, Ken Allbon, Rosemary Burnett and Jean Burges.



### THE EPIPHANY



On Wednesday 6th January we celebrate The Epiphany with an early morning Eucharist and Evening Prayer at 6pm. All are very welcome.



### CARING & SHARING

We hear from the Treasurer of Caring and Sharing East Sussex that, because the charity relies mainly on collections from churchgoers, it is finding a sad and marked difference in what it has been able to provide in 2020.

A reminder that we support a project in Olinda, Brazil, through donations via the yellow box at the back of the church on Sunday mornings.

Formally Our Father's House, and now the Living Waters Institute, it is run by Ian and Simea Meldrum who are Anglican priests. They work to prevent family breakdowns and reduce the risk to young people in this impoverished neighbourhood of falling into a life of crime and drugs.



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