



# Parish Eucharist

for the feast of Epiphany

5th January 2025

10am



**ST MARGARET'S**  
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position.

Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. A voluntary and introit may be played.

Arise and shine like the sun; the glory of the Lord is shining on you!

Please stand to sing the hymn:

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again:  
king for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

Frankincense for Jesus have I,  
Incense owns a Deity night,  
prayer and praising gladly raising:  
worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;

sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, behold him arise,  
king and God and sacrifice!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Earth to heav'n replies.

KINGS OF ORIENT  
JH Hopkins 1820-1891

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Please be seated for the welcome.

All Almighty God, to whom  
all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from  
whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit that we may  
perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify  
your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned  
upon the world through our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, who  
sacrificed himself for us to  
purify a people as his own. Let  
us confess our sins.

*All* **Almighty God,**  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in  
thought and word and deed:  
through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own  
deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent  
of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the  
glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives  
all who truly repent, have  
mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in  
all goodness and keep you in  
life eternal; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the Gloria.*

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty  
God and Father,  
we worship You,  
we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God, the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

## The Collect for Epiphany

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.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun; The glory of the Lord is shining on you! Other nations will be covered by darkness, But on you the light of the Lord will shine; The brightness of his presence will be with you. Nations will be drawn to your light, And kings to the dawning of your new day. Look around you and see what is happening: Your people are gathering to come home! Your sons will come from far away; Your daughters will be carried like

children. You will see this and be filled with joy; You will tremble with excitement. The wealth of the nations will be brought to you; From across the sea their riches will come. Great caravans of camels will come, from Midian and Ephah. They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense. People will tell the good news of what the Lord has done!

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
none can once with thee compare;  
thou alone the Lord from heaven  
didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth;  
to the lands their God announcing,  
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided  
see the eastern kings appear;  
see them bend, their gifts to offer,  
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
incense doth the God disclose,  
gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
to the Gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the spirit  
endless praise to thee be paid.

STUTTGART

*Prudentius, 348-410 Trans. E Caswall 1814-78*

*Adptd from a melody in CF Witt's*

*Harmonia Sacra Gotha 1715*

### Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from the letter to  
the Ephesians

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 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 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.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

*Alleluia.*

**Alleluia.**

*We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.*

**Alleluia.**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*The congregation sings:*

*All* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.*

**The Sermon**

*Please be seated.*

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten,  
not made, of one being with  
the Father; through him all  
things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man. For our  
sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried. On  
the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the  
dead and his kingdom will  
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son; who with  
the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified;  
who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one  
holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge  
one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look  
for the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world  
to come. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

*Please be seated.*

Let us pray for the whole  
church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according  
to their needs.

*The response is:*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*The intercessions conclude:*

All Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the  
sake of your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

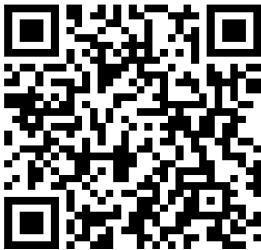
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The peace is shared.*

## The Collection

- *Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.*
- *Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card*
- *You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:*



O worship the Lord  
in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him,  
his glory proclaim.  
With gold of obedience and  
incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him:  
the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet  
lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart  
he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows and  
answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as  
may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter  
his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth  
thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty and  
love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings  
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them  
in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept  
for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for  
evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling  
and hope for our fear.



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 incense of lowliness,  
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WAS LEBET

J S B Monsell 1811-75

Melody from the Rheinhardt MS 1754

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept your people's  
 gifts, not gold, frankincense  
 or myrrh, but hearts and  
 voices raised in praise of  
 Jesus Christ, our light and  
 our salvation.

All things come from you,  
 All and of your own do we give you.

### The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you

And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The congregation is seated.*

All honour and praise be yours  
 always and everywhere, mighty  
 creator, ever-living God,  
 through Jesus Christ your only  
 Son our Lord; for at this time  
 we celebrate your glory made  
 present in our midst. In the  
 coming of the Magi the King of  
 all the world was revealed to  
 the nations. In the waters of  
 baptism Jesus was revealed as  
 the Christ, the Saviour sent to  
 redeem us. In the water made  
 wine the new creation was  
 revealed at the wedding feast.  
 Poverty was turned to riches,  
 sorrow into joy. Therefore, with  
 all the angels of heaven we lift  
 our voices to proclaim the glory  
 of your name and sing our  
 joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
 Hosanna, Hosanna,  
 Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, Hosanna,  
 Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you,  
loving Father, through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord; and as we  
obey his command, send your  
Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured may be for  
us the body and blood of your  
dear Son.

On the night before he died he  
had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised  
you. He broke the bread, gave  
it to them and said: Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given  
for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he  
took the cup of wine. Again he  
praised you, gave it to them  
and said: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you  
and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as  
often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that  
Jesus did, in him we  
plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all upon  
the cross. Bringing before you  
the bread of life and cup of  
salvation, we proclaim his death  
and resurrection until  
he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.  
*All* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work  
together for that day when  
your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be  
seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your  
people, gather us in your  
loving arms and bring us with  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St  
Margaret and all the saints to  
feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory  
are yours, O loving Father, for  
ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Silence is held.*

As our Saviour taught us,  
so we pray:

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name; your**  
**kingdom come,**  
**your will be done**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil;  
for the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share  
in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are  
one body because we all  
share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: grant us peace.

Christ is the true bread which  
has come down from heaven.

*All* **Lord, give us this bread always.**

### The Communion

- *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*
- *The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions.*
- *If you would like a blessing please bow your head to indicate this.*

*An anthem may be sung.*

### Prayers after Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour  
whom the nations seek: may  
we who with the wise men have  
been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your  
presence in your Son, the Word  
made flesh, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*The Notices are given.*

*Please stand for our closing hymn.*

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious God, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

DIX

*W Chatterton Dix 1827-98*

*From a chorale by C Kocher 1786-1872*

### The Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Christ our Lord, to whom kings  
bowed down in worship and  
offered gifts, reveal to you his  
glory and pour upon you the  
riches of his grace; and the  
blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

*A voluntary may be played.*