



St Nick's, Allestree & St Paul's, Quarndon

January 2024

Do you know the meaning behind Epiphany?

As you read this, we are now in 2024 – the presents have been opened, the puddings eaten and lots of TV has been watched! It truly feels like Christmas has been and gone for another year. Through this period, or at any other time, have you heard someone say to you they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something?

'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 realised something.



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We have celebrated Christmas, which is an important date, however, for many of us 6th January also marks an important date for many people in the Christian calendar – that's because it's the date of Epiphany, which falls 12 days after Christmas. Since, at least, the third century, this day has been separate from Christmas. Epiphany is also known as “Theophany” in Eastern Christian tradition. The traditional date for the feast is 6th January. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after 1st January. In many Western Churches the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve). The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday.

Epiphany is also known as ‘Three Kings Day’ as it celebrates the three kings or the maji, who visited infant Jesus after his birth. The history of this day revolves around the adoration of the three wise men, or maji, who followed a star to Bethlehem to honour Christ's birth. This day is celebrated in many countries around the world, including Spain, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

In Sweden as well as in Italy, it is a public holiday. In the Philippines as well as ‘Three Kings Day’ it is known as ‘Feast of the

Elderly’, and people greet each other with “Happy Three Kings!”



Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake, winter swimming as well as attending church services.

Uplifting Epiphany prayers are given and I will end with one from Matthew 2 : 1 – 2

‘Dear Lord, You are a gracious God as you freely gave Your gift of salvation. I will be forever thankful for the bright shining star that You sent not only for the Wise Men but for me that I may too have a deep and meaningful relationship with You. I pray that Your light will continue to shine so that others will also have the opportunity to receive Your gift of salvation and be transformed into a new creation.’

AMEN.

HAPPY THREE KINGS!

(as they would say in the Philippines)

Sarah Tupling



Notices:

150th Anniversary

In April we will be celebrating

St Paul's 150th Anniversary.

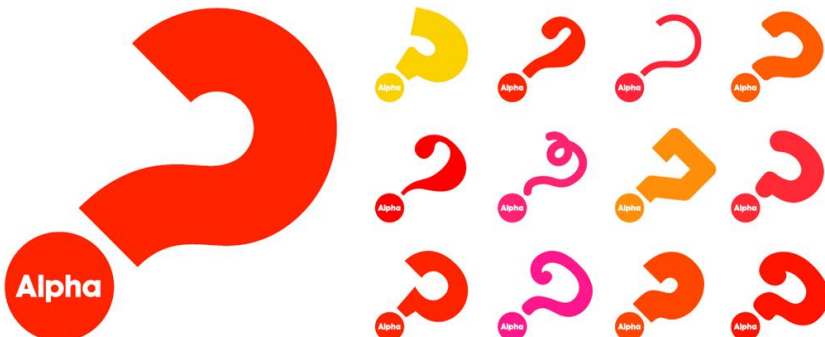
Please get in touch with Mike
or Jan if you have ideas or want
to get involved in organising



ALPHA

An Alpha course is
planned for early 2024.

Please see Graham or
Paul if you are interested
and want more
information.





Shoebox update

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated a shoebox for this years appeal. St Nick's were able to send 50 completed boxes.

Well done everyone!

The Derby warehouse (Teams4U with Rotary Club of Derby) sent 2,951 shoeboxes to Ukraine on the 8th of December to share a little love and cheer this Christmas.



Thank you to Anne and John for arranging the Shoebox appeal this year.

Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christingle Service, we were able to send £200 to the Children's Society afterwards.

If you have a Children's Society collecting box, please could you let me have it as soon as possible, so that I can empty them and send the money to this charity that supports vulnerable children and teenagers.



Helen

Church Prayer @ St Nick's

Pre-church prayer takes place in the chapel from 9.30am to 9.45am on a Sunday morning. We pray for the service to follow and anything else the Holy Spirit prompts us to bring to our Father.

Church prayer will be on Zoom over the winter months.

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 24th at 7.30pm

Contact Graham if you are interested in joining us in prayer.



St Nick's Prayer Circle

St Nick's have a prayer circle as part of their pastoral care set up. For those unfamiliar with the practice, it is simply a circle of people who are committed to phone along a chain when people request prayer, or a situation arises that needs communicating and praying for. You can rest assured that you are being covered in prayer when you approach someone who is on the contact list.

If you would like to be added to the prayer circle, please get in touch with the church office.



Exciting times this month as the Licensing of Reverend Sarah and Reverend Rachael takes place at Walter Evans primary school on the 14th of January.

We are sure it will be a truly memorable day and look forward to getting to know Sarah and Rachael over the coming months.

We are praying for you on this special day and wish you every blessing as you take on your new roles in our parishes.



Pastoral Care Update.

Are you going through a difficult time at the moment and would like some emotional, spiritual or physical help? Then please let Gill Hannah or Clare Stacey know.

For various understandable reasons, many people find it difficult to reach out and ask for help but if you are aware of anyone who is struggling at the moment, please let us know. It could include for example, help with shopping, a home visit or merely a friendly chat on the phone. If we don't know, then it's difficult to help.

We are part of your church family and have been DBS checked and have completed the Diocesan Safe Guarding Training.



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:-

- For those who are ill and had operations and are recovering at home.
- For Anna and the Children's and Youth Ministry
- For the licensing service on the 14th January.
- For our church finances and Mike as he makes decisions on expenditure and other commitments

Coffee & Chat @ St Nick's

A reminder that Coffee & Chat takes place every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, in the Church Room, 10:30am -12noon. All are welcome to join in and enjoy this lovely social, which is much appreciated after a time of not being able to gather.



St Nick's Pub Lunches

Join us after church for a pub lunch social once a month. The next ones will be on January 21st, February 18th and March 17th at 12 noon at The Markeaton.



Knit & Natter @ St Nick's

Meetings are held in the Church Hall on the 1st, 3rd, and where there is a 5th Wednesday of the month, 2-3:30pm.

Membership fee £5 each quarter, then £1 per session.
Contact Sandra on 557114
Come and join us for tea, biscuits, and chat.

Newsletter Information - Deadline!

Please be aware that the deadline for any news you'd like to be included in the next Newsletter is always the 23rd of the month before.

Any info should be sent to St Nick's church office: stnicksallestree@outlook.com

MENS' BREAKFAST/DAY OUT

Saturday 10thth February

Steam train trip on the Great Central Railway with breakfast in the Griddle Car.



Cost approximately £30; £22 train fare and breakfast around £8

Meet in St. Nick's Car Park at 8.45 and share cars. Return mid-afternoon.

No need to book, but it would be helpful if you could let Phil know if you intend to come.

P.S. You don't have to be a man – everyone welcome.



Upcoming Services — January

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
Sunday 7th January St Nicks: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>GT, AO</i> <i>DH</i>	Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
Sunday 14th January St Nick's: 10am T@TT communion St Paul's: No service	<i>PM</i> <i>Bishop Libby</i> <i>presiding.</i>	Revelation 5:1-10 John 1:43-51
Sunday 21st January St Nick's: 10am Morning praise St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>BI, AO</i> <i>LM</i>	Revelation 19:6-10 John 2:1-11
Sunday 28th January St Nick's: 10am Bible study 3pm Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	<i>ST</i> <i>DH</i> <i>PM</i>	Revelation 12:1-5a Mark 1:21-28

Handy Contacts for both churches:

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St Paul's

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 Jan Calladine

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Please get in touch if you'd like to organise a Baptism at St Nick's or St Paul's, or would like to get married or celebrate a special anniversary with the renewal of wedding vows.