

# THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

*Accept and share the generosity of God's love.*

## THE EPIPHANY

6th January 2019

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. There is one chalice of non-alcoholic wine available, please indicate at the altar if you would prefer this option. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

### Readings for Today

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1 - 6    Second Reading: Ephesians 3. 1 - 12

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1 - 12

### EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate and enter into the season of Epiphany in the arriving of the Magi. The word 'epiphanies', meaning moments of sudden revelation or insight. The Magi, wise men, or Kings have always had enormous appeal. Everything about them has been elaborated in poetry, story and hymns. They came from the East, who knows how far they came or how long it took. They have been depicted as representing youth, maturity and old age; they have been given the features of different races; they have been named. They come to the vulnerable little child who shows us the humility of God. Wise men as they were, they were puzzled at least by the foreboding hint of future suffering. The Magi recognized Jesus as the Messiah when most of God's chosen people in Israel did not. When they finally found him they responded with joy, worship and gifts. The conventional explanation for their gifts of gold for a king, incense for a priest or for a God, and myrrh for one who is to die. We know what kind of king this baby was to become. The king whose kingdom is not of this world, the king who would avoid every crown except the crown of thorns. The wise men come to Christ. The adult world kneels to the infant. The men of power bow down to the powerless. The kings discern a strange and divine humility. And suffering as life and death seem oddly mixed. If Epiphany is the revelation of Christ to the nations, what is revealed is helplessness and vulnerability, with a strange divine sort of humility, and all with more than a hint of suffering. Epiphany gives us the opportunity to reflect on this great mystery of the birth of the powerless One, who shows us the Father, and to learn how to reveal his glory, or at least to allow him to reveal his glory through us.

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## SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

### **HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON**

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

8.45am Parish Breakfast – Porch Room

10am Parish Eucharist – All Age  
President: Revd Sandy Emery  
Talk: Revd Sandy Emery

Hymns: 83, 86, 91, 89, 84i

5.30pm Sung Evensong  
Office & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett

### **ST BARNABAS, BOX**

9am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd Ann Morris

Hymns: 83, 89, 91, 84i

### **HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY**

8am Said Communion  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Parish Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

## **NOTICES –**

THANK YOU - to all who made Christmas so special. The choir, Colin our Verger, Simon the candle man, the sacristans, the servers, the deacons and altar assistants, the flower guild, the cleaning guild, the bell ringers, the sides people, the coffee makers, the Hospitality Committee, Christine in the office, the retired priests and the angels, shepherds and the wisemen! Hopefully I have thanked everyone.

ARMCHAIR YOGA - will re commence on Wednesday January 9 2019. Thank you.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS - A box is now sited in the Porch Room for any cards to be recycled by Gloucester Arthritis Trust. It is estimated this source for fund raising generates ca £10,000 per annum.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE YEAR - a sign up list offering Sunday morning Intercessions in Church is on the notice board. Many thanks. Sandy

**QUIET REFLECTION** - at the beginning of the 10am Sunday Service there will be 5 minutes of quiet reflection. Can people please refrain from talking during this period. Thank you.

**CHAIR SPONSORSHIP** - a very special way to celebrate, commemorate or simply support the 6Ps appeal. 230 of the 300 Theo chairs in church have received sponsorship, some with plaques. There are just 70 left. If you are interested in sponsoring a chair please collect a chair leaflet from the back of church.

**FOODBANK** – needs tinned - vegetables, meat, spaghetti, fruit, fish, custard, tomatoes, soup, rice pudding, steamed puddings, potatoes, pulses. Small sugar, chocolate spread, peanut butter, jam, marmite, UHT fruit juices and milk, biscuits, instant coffee, pasta sauces, toothbrushes. **NO BAKED BEANS PLEASE.**

**COACH TRIPS 2019** – Tues. January 22 – Reading town centre and museum. Mon. February 25 – Lunch and factory tour of Morgan Cars – Malvern. Wed. March 20 – Wells Cathedral and city centre. Tel: 833131 [www.abbeyhall.info](http://www.abbeyhall.info)

## **THIS WEEK**

**8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Parish Church**

**5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)**

7TH MON 7.30pm Faith In Our Time – Porch Room

8TH TUES 7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting – Little Acre

9TH WED 8am Eucharist - St Barnabas, Box

10am Magazine Distribution Meeting – Porch Room

11am Eucharist (BCP) – Parish Church

11am Holy Communion at Cecily Court

1.30pm Funeral & Burial Service – David Evans  
– Parish Church

2.30pm Wednesday Cuppa - Porch Room

10TH THURS 10am Probus – Porch Room

11TH FRI 5.30pm Junior Choir Practice - Porch Room

6.30pm Adult Choir Practice - Parish Church

7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice - Parish Church

## **NEXT SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

### **HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON**

8am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett

10am Sung Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd John Hunnisett

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer  
Office: Revd Ann Morris

### **ST BARNABAS, BOX**

9am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker

### **HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY**

8am Said Communion  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Second Sunday Team