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**Newsletter for the week commencing 4th/5th January 2020**

**The Epiphany of the Lord ( A )**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

**Psalm 1 Response:**  6pm & 8.30am - All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

10.30am - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you, and all peoples shall walk by your light

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2-3;5-6**

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12**

**Father John writes:**

 Many thanks for your cards, your gifts and your extremely generous Christmas collection (almost £3000!). I am also grateful to all of you who made our Christmas Masses such truly spiritual experiences. The 10pm “night” Mass and the 10.30am Mass of the Day were both considerably fuller than in previous years.

 Understandably I have had some questions about the start of the works on our church, and the estimate now is mid-April. Various problems were raised (e.g. damp patches, weight bearing etc.) and have now been professionally examined and dismissed or solved (much to our relief!). It has all taken much longer than I thought, but it is important to get it right rather than to take risks which might leave us with future problems. I am very grateful to Roger Styles who is working hard on this, which is enormously supportive.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Mrs Jo Bailey, Mrs Sue Goodman, Mr Edward Albert Turner RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne and Jo Venables.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Gloria Woods, Helen Miller, Violet Braden, Margaret Thornton, Mary Jones, John Symons, Dorothy Marie Newell, Margaret Simon, Joyce Thomas, Christine Wood, Julie Elliott and Clemens Heinrichsmeier.

**This week’s events**

The **funeral of Mrs Jo Bailey** will be held at **11 am on Monday 6th January**, at St Andrew’s Church. May she rest in peace.

Deacon Jolyon would like to thank everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts, which are very much appreciated

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week. New Pilgrim Path’s featured website this week comes from the English Jesuits at ’Pray As You Go’. It is a beautiful and inspiring 14-minute online meditation on the Feast of the Epiphany. You can access it at: [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**Christmastide ends on Sunday 12th** **January**, the feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

Please could we have some volunteers to dismantle the crib and wrap up and put away the statues. All the wrappings and the securing strings are in the cupboard. Many thanks.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 4th January |  | Sacrament of Reconciliation 10am – 11am.6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 5th January | **The Epiphany of the Lord** | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 6th January |  | 10:00am Mass11am Funeral for Mrs Jo Bailey RIP |
| Tuesday | 7th January |  | 10:00am Mass *Jack Rooney RIP* |
| Wednesday | 8th January |  | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 9th January |  | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 10th January |  | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 11th January |  | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 12th January | **The Baptism of the Lord**  | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (11th/12th January 2020)**

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|  | 6:00pm Saturday | 8:30am Sunday | 10:30am Sunday |
| **Reader** | Roger S | Alexander W | Frances L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Allan ShiptonMaria Milton | Liz DumbletonRani Thomas |
| **Flowers** | Breeda | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

The **next POG meeting** is on 13th January in the Parish room at 2pm.

**January Music Recital:** Our own Graduate Composer-Baritone Barnabas Sharp will perform songs by Poulenc, Schubert, Sondheim and newly composed works featuring poetry by local poets on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 4:30pm in St. Andrew's Church, 47 Ashford Road, Tenterden, TN30 6LL. Entry is by donation. See the poster on the door of the porch for more details.

The first Tenterden and District Christian **Breakfast Meeting** of 2020, co-ordinated by Churches Together in Tenterden, will be on **January 18th**. The theme is “**Unusual Kindness: a breakfast for the week of prayer for Christian Unity**”. **Breakfast** will be at **8.30am**, followed at **9.15** by a **Service**, all at **St Mildred’s**. It is **open to everyone**. More info soon!

Something for you to keep in mind: there is a proposed Sharing Shrove Tuesday Lunch on Sunday, 23rd February 2020 in the Parish Centre. More details nearer the time!

The **funeral of Edward Albert Turner** will be at St Andrew’s at 11am on Friday 24th January, followed by burial.

The **funeral of Sue Goodman** will be at St Mildred’s at 11.45am on Friday 31st January, followed by cremation.