

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

Service Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 9 January at 10.45am

First Sunday after Epiphany



Without the quest, there can be no epiphany

Constantine Scaros

God of light, shining in darkness, through a little child, born in Bethlehem,
you sent a child to topple a tyrant, and a star to enlighten the wise.

Make us wise enough to seek you among the least of us.

Make us wise enough to trade our treasure
for a gift of overwhelming joy. Amen.

Prayer of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth
with the congregation in church and online

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WELCOME TO MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

This congregation is part of the Church of Scotland: we are Reformed in our understanding of Christian faith, Presbyterian in how we form our community, and a member of the worldwide family of the Christian Church. Whether you are in regular attendance at worship or this is one of your first visits, you are very welcome as part of this community and today's service of worship. God bless you. If you would like to keep in touch, please complete the Connection Card on the back page or email churchmanager@googlemail.com

AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

Organ Voluntary

How brightly shines the morning star *arr. David Bednall (b. 1979)*

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Introit - Magi Viderunt Stellam

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548 – 1611)

Magi viderunt stellam
qui dixerunt ad invicem:
'Hoc signum magni Regis est,
eamus et inquiramus eum,
et offeramus ei munera:
aurum, thus et myrrham' Alleluia.

*[The Magi, having seen the star
said each in turn 'This is the
sign of a great king! Let us go and
look for him and offer him gifts,
Gold, frankincense and myrrh' Alleluia]*

Call to Worship - From Isaiah 60:1 - 6

One: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

All: Darkness has been banished!

One: God's light of hope floods the earth

All: God's light comes to us all.

One: Lord, make us ready to journey towards this Light.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

Hymn MP 740 We three kings of Orient are

(t. Kings Of Orient)

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:

*Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

2. Born on a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again –
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:

3. Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet Priest on high;
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship is earth's reply.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb:

5. Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice;
Heaven sings 'Alleluia',
'Alleluia' the earth replies:

Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And
forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.





'The Magi Journeying', James Tissot (1836-1902)

Hymn 326

As with gladness men of old

(t.Dix)

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

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

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy homely cradle 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.

4. Holy Jesus, 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.

5. 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.

- 60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on
their nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Anthem The Three Kings

Words and Music by Peter Cornelius (1824 -1874)

Translation by Herbert Newell Bate (1871 - 1941)

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.*

*How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 '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.'"

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 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.' 9 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. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 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. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



*Adoration of the Kings, J. Le Breton (1933),
Cathédrale d'Amiens*

Hymn 305

In the bleak midwinter

(t. Cranham)

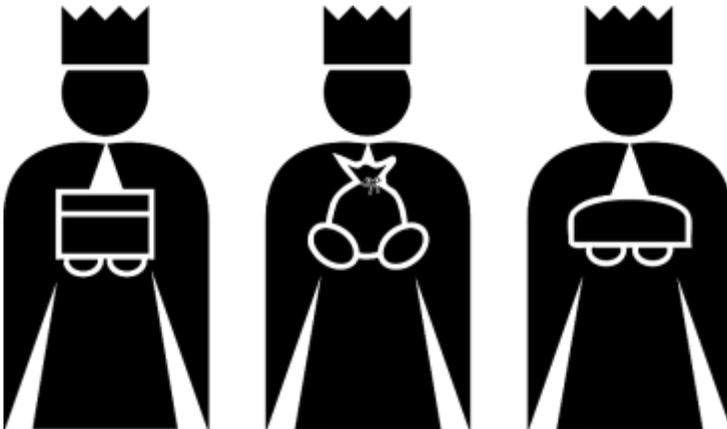
1. In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for him whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk,
and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him whom angels
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

4. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the Beloved
with a kiss

5. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part, --
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.



Sermon - Suddenly, I See!
Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth

Hymn MP 749 What child is this, who, laid to rest (t. Greensleeves)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Poem - Words of the Wise
By Dave Hopwood

Voluntary Response:
*'Where is the king of the Jews?
We've come to worship him.'*

Prayer for Others
Reuben Addis

Hymn 324

Angels from the realms of glory

(t. Iris)

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:

3. Wise men, leave your
contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

4. Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

5. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:

Closing Responses

One: May we be the path that Christ now walks

All: to bring light to those in darkness

One: to bring peace to the earth,

**All: to bring love to those who suffer,
and new things to all creation.**

One: May this path run through our lives.

All: May we be the road Christ now takes.

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Organ Voluntary

Dix arr. Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Sounding the Seasons

It might have been just someone else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.

But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.

They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces, found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.

Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

Malcolm Guite

THIS MORNING'S CHAMBER GROUP MUSIC Victoria, a contemporary of Palestrina, was the foremost Spanish composer of the Renaissance, though working mostly in Rome, returning to Spain under patronage of Philip II in later life. The introit is a fine example of mature polyphonic writing from the late Renaissance. It starts with a short statement in canon by the four parts before developing into a more elaborate interweaving of the voices.

The Epiphany anthem 'Die Könige' by Peter Cornelius is originally a solo song with piano accompaniment using a Sixteenth century chorale hymn. Ivor Atkins arranged the accompaniment for choir using a translation of the Chorale text 'How brightly beams the morning star.' The baritone soloist sings the original song text in a translation by H N Bates.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

1. **YOUTH GROUP** will resume in-person on Sunday 9 January for a board game night! Bring along any you have at home that might be fun to play together. All ages (P6-S6) will meet from 6.00-7.30pm in the McDonald Hall.
2. **PASTORAL CARE** As winter approaches perhaps you would now like to have a visitor assigned to you or receive regular phone calls. Do you know of anyone who is ill or going into hospital and would benefit from a visit from our pastoral care team? Please contact the Minister on **0131 667 1286** or **AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk**
3. **OFFERINGS** During this time when Church attendance is restricted, you may continue to give offerings to support the work of the Church. Please contact our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville on **0131 466 2446** or **hs.somerville2@gmail.com** We are now inviting those who would have put offerings in the plate during the service to do so at the close of the service. In the halls entrance and in the vestibule, you will find a bowl or plate marked 'Plate Collection'. Regular and one-off donations, are still possible online through: **www.give.net/20311853**

Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

John Bell, *Living with the Psalms* (2020)

Alistair McIntosh, *Riders on the Storm: The Climate Crisis and the Survival of Being* (2nd Ed., 2021)

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Forthcoming Deadlines

Order of service for next week: Thursday at 6.00pm.

Next Grapevine: Friday 21 January at 6.00pm.

Ecotip:

Eliminate phantom energy – turn off devices at the wall when possible

Welcome!

We are glad to see you worship with us today
and hope to see you again soon.

We would love to get to know you better!

Please complete this form, tear off and place it in the offering plates at the doors, or pass to one of the Welcome Team

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I would like to receive from the church:

A phone call/email from the Minister/ Pastoral Assistant

Information on house groups and ways of getting involved

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