

Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel and all church leaders. Pray that recent cooperation between government officials and church leaders, particularly in tackling issues of health and poverty, may not be lost.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 127; Ruth 1; Colossians 2.8-end
Tuesday: Psalm 89.1-37; Ruth 2; Colossians 3.12-4.1
Wednesday: Psalm 48; Ruth 3; Colossians 4.2-end
Thursday: Psalm 18.1-30; Ruth 4.1-17; Colossians 4.2-end
Friday: Psalm 99; Jeremiah 23.1-8; Matthew 20.1-16
Saturday: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 30.1-17; Matthew 20.17-28
Sunday: Psalm 89.19-29; Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 19.1-7

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.



Weekly News

2nd January 2022



**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
MAY GOD, WHO HAS CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS,
INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT,
BLESS US AND FILL US WITH PEACE**



This week at St Bart's

Services of Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd January at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Wednesday 5th January at 10:30 am

Sunday 9th January Parish Eucharist at 10:00 am

Epiphany Carols at 4:00 pm

St Bart's Discussion Group resumes (via zoom) on Wednesday 5th January at 7:00 pm Topic: The Christian Tradition of Silence and Solitude. All are very welcome to join, please contact the Parish office for more information

Morning Prayer (also via zoom) resumes Thursday 6th January at 09:10 am, again, all are very welcome to join, please contact the Parish office for more information

January 2nd 2022

COLLECT

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.

1st READING: *Isaiah 60.1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
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.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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.
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.
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.

2nd READING: *Ephesians 3.1-12*

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.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 2.1-12*

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.