

January 20th - 29th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Israel, please pray for our vicar Sheila as she leads a pilgrimage to Israel with Bishop John. There are 45 pilgrims, please pray for safe journeys and good relationships all round. Pray that we will be a blessing to the charities, hospitals and orphanages which we visit, as we will be carrying money from churches in our Diocese to bless the Christians in the Holy Land. St Peter and St John have made a contribution of £250.

Harris School - has a new chaplain Revd. Eric Boateng, an ordained Methodist minister. Do please pray for him as he settles in to the new role.

In January Mother and Toddlers would appreciate some extra support on Wednesday and Fridays as Yvonne is away for some time. If you can offer to support for even just one session, that would be greatly appreciated.

WEEKLY ECO-TIP: Every year countless pieces of crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK. However a company called TerraCycle are able to recycle these into useful objects and we have joined forces with them in their national scheme to collect crisp packets for recycling to prevent them from ending up in landfill. In return TerraCycle will donate money to the church. Therefore we ask you to save up your packets (including Pringles Tubes) and place them in the bin provided in the church hall. Not only are you helping the environment but you will be helping to raise funds for the church!

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WELCOME TO

St Peter & St John Church

As a Church our Aim is to grow closer to God, to grow closer to each other, to grow closer to the community

Sunday 5 January

Coming to Celebrate a Child

10.30am Family Service

Revd Sheila Bridge

5.00pm Breathe

This Week

Tuesday	10.30am	Knit & Natter
Wednesday	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group
	12.00pm	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Community Lunch
	5.30pm	Cubs
	7.15pm	Scouts & Explorers
Thursday	5.30pm	Beavers
Friday	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group (soft play)
Saturday	11.00am	PJ Veg Beds

Next Sunday 12th January

Service:	10.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Breathe
Reading:	Isaiah 42: 1-9, Matthew 3: 13-17	

Today's reading taken from the New Living Translation.

Matthew 2: 1-12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.



This week's prayer

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

Those who need our prayer:

Kenneth Timson, Jonathan Price Kirsty Holt, Edwina Goodwin, Rachael Coysh, Kim Morton, Fiona Humphrey, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Susan & Trevor Vann, Brian Copperwheat, Liz.

*If you would like to add a name to this prayer list please contact
jenny@peterjohnchurch.org.uk*

Each week we have a different focus for prayer:

Our Mission, outreach and involvement in our local schools:

especially St Andrew's Benn, Eastlands & Harris

As a Church we are also praying for:

We are remembering/celebrating the following in January

Birthdays: 8th Steve C, 19th David K, 22nd Helen J.

Memorials: 14th Peter Stanton, 15th Mary Hodgson, 27th Charles Cashmore, 31st Ida Hitchcock

God at Work:

We give thanks for the way God works in our lives through other people. Being part of a homegroup is one significant way in which we can grow in our faith. If you are not part of a small group and would like to be, please speak to Sheila.