



AS A CHURCH OUR AIM IS:
 To grow closer to God, To grow closer to each other, To grow closer to the community

News Sheet - would you like to receive the weekly news sheet by email? If this would be helpful to you please email me sheila@peterjohnchurch.org.uk and we will arrange for you to receive it weekly.

CHURCH BOILER UPDATE

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of a new boiler or our winter electricity bills please speak to Linda Wakeling.

CONGRATULATIONS to James and Lara Connell who had a baby girl born last Sunday 30th Dec. Eloide Ailis weighed 6lbs 8oz.

LOVING DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Sheila, our minister will be leading a new module which is part of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship (BCDM). Anyone can come along to these and this one is called **Loving Difficult People**, it is for anyone who has ever struggled with a difficult relationship in their lives. Groups of three or more from one parish pay a reduced rate to attend of £20 for 3. The course is 5 sessions long and is on Tuesdays in January starting Jan 8th at St George's Church.

JOB V ACANCY Rugby Hope4 are seeking a Key worker to give guidance and support to those seeking help at the Day Centre. For information about the post go to www.hope4.org.uk or email applications@hope4.org.uk

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St Peter & St John Church

EVERYONE WELCOME

If you are new, or visiting, please take a welcome pack home - these can be found on the table at the back.

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 6th January 2019

The wise follow Jesus

10.30am Worship for All

5.30pm Breathe Service –Rev Sheila Bridge

<u>This Week</u>		
Tuesday	10.30am	Knit & Natter
Wednesday	10.00am	Mother & Toddler Group - Yvonne 311728
	12 noon	Holy Communion with lunch
	5.30pm 7.15pm	Cubs Scouts
Thursday	5.30pm 7.15pm	Beavers Explorer Scouts
	Friday	10.00am
Next Sunday 13th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>		
Readings:	Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	
Service:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Breathe tea & chat
	followed by short service at 5.30pm	

Today's Readings taken from the New Living Translation.

Matthew 2: 1-12
Visitors from the East

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 new-born 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

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Those who need our prayer:

Kim Morton, Casper, Fiona Humphrey, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Susan & Trevor Vann, Sue Newnham, Alan, Simon Whitely, Brian Copperwheat, Gerald Boulton

*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:

This week we are praying for 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 Clewlow, 19th David King, 22nd Helen Jones.

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

God at Work

Sheila would like to thank everyone who has so far supported the daily times of prayer at 5,30pm every evening between now and Jan 9th. These have been very encouraging. She will continue to be in the choir vestry daily this week ahead till Wednesday.