These are the readings for

Morning Prayer Epiphany Please do take time each day to read and reflect upon them.

Monday

Psalm 99 Isaiah 63.7–end 1 John 3

Thursday Psalm 149 Isaiah 65.17–end 1 John 5.13–end

Tuesday

Psalm 73 Isaiah 64 1 John 4.7–end Fridav Psalm 150 Isaiah 66.1–11 2 John

Wednesday

Psalm 148 Isaiah 65.1–16 1 John 5.1–12

Saturday Psalm 96 Isaiah 66.12–23 3 John

What's on

This week in The Priory

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion Canon Robert Western

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5.30pm Silence

Next Sunday **Epiphany 2** 8.00am Holy Communion The Reverend Nick Devenish 11.00am Sung Eucharist The Reverend Nick Devenish 3.30pm Evensona The Reverend Nick Devenish





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Parish Weekly News Epiphany

Welcome to the Priory Church and to our Sunday services. A very special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay after the service for a time of fellowship at the back of Church. Please do take our weekly parish news update with you.

The Priory - 6th January 2019 **08.00am** Holy Communion BCP Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish

09.30am Service of the Word The Reverend Nick Devenish

11.00am Sung Eucharist Celebrant The Reverend Nick Devenish Settina - Rutter Proc Hymn: 83 As with gladness men of old Reading - Ephesians 3. 1-12 Gradual Hymn: 85 Earth has many a noble city Gospel - Matthew 2. 1-12 Offertory Hymn: 86 From the eastern mountains Anthem: From the rising of the sun -Ouselev Communion Hymn: 38 The people that Post Communion Hymn: 91 We three kings of orient are Recessional: Prelude on 'Dix' - Harris

3.30pm Evensong BCP The Reverend Nick Devenish Responses - Smith Psalm 98 Chant: 13 Office Hymn: 89 O worship the Lord First Reading - Isaiah 60. 1-9 Magnificat: 322 Second Reading - John 2. 1-11 Nunc Dimittis: 141 Anthem: Eastern monarchs - C S Lang Final Hymn: 84 Brightest and best Recessional: March of the Wise Men -Dubois

For Our Prayers

Collect Epiphany 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. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Morning Service Readings

First Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that 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 to 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 to 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 Reading 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.