

Hymn 2 *A great and mighty wonder*

COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastus 24.1-12

Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth and in the presence of his hosts, she tells of her glory. 'I came from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwellt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea over all the earth and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide? Then the Creator of all things gave me a command and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me and for all the ages, I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, in his heritage.'

Psalms 147 vv12-15 *Laudate Dominum*

Response : The Word was made flesh and lived among us

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has bless the children within you.

Response

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Response

He makes his word know to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees

Response

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all

wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Alleluia! alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans, Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn 439 *See amid the winter snow*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, make holy these gifts through the coming of your Son, who shows us the way of truth and promises the life of your kingdom

COMMUNION SENTENCE

He gave to all who accepted him the power to become children of God..

Hymn 41 *As with gladness men of old*
Anthem *Jesus good above all other*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly King who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

Hymn 513 *Thou didst leave thy throne*



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3rd January 2010 Second Sunday of Christmas

*Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.
 We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for
 refreshments in the Hall after the service.*

Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:
 Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School; for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:-
 Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce Brett, Christine MacKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, Ron Thomas, James Inwood, Edna Moody, the Bonthrone family

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

TODDLER CORNER This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

JUNIOR CHURCH the children will be following the star

6 JANUARY The Feast of the Epiphany Eucharist at 19.00

11 JANUARY – House Group meeting 2-4 pm at Abbeyfield. Phone Gill Hutchison 827990 for details.

13 JANUARY - 3.15 pm meeting of the Fellowship and Support Group hosted by Jean Rose, 98 Nyetimber Lane.

14 JANUARY - House Group meeting hosted by Peter and Linda Beckley, 6 Fursefeld. Phone 840772

17 JANUARY - 10.30 Family Eucharist on the theme of Christian Unity
 3-4 pm A Christian Unity Family Celebration with Ishmael at the Methodist Church, Waterloo Square

Please email any material for Bulletin 40 to bulletin@wilfrid.com by 18 January. Alternatively please leave material in the office, marked with your name, date submitted and telephone number for Helen Woods' attention.

20 JANUARY - PCC meeting at 7.15 pm in the committee room

30 JANUARY - Auction of Promises, 7.00 pm in the hall. Please see the information on the narthex table for details.

SERVICES TODAY

Holy Communion 08.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	4 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
Tuesday	5 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
Wednesday	6 Jan	Evening Prayer	18.00
Thursday	7 Jan	Eucharist for the Feast of Epiphany	19.00
Friday	8 Jan	Eucharist Unity	10.00
Saturday	9 Jan	Eucharist The Cross	10.00
		Eucharist Mary	11.30
		Evening Prayer	17.00

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY - 10 January

The Second Sunday of Christmas, the first Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion 08.00
 Parish Eucharist 10.30
 Choral Evensong 18.00

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE
 NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR
 VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH.
 FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN
 THE HALL**