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Issue 1 of the weekly Newssheet was published on 15 July 2007. Then, we only had a monotone photocopier and the first coloured issue was possible on 28 February 2010 - Issue 138. So, the news-sheet has been printed and issued without interruption, every week, for the last eleven and a half years. I have to admit that some weeks it is a struggle to get it done in time. So a big thank you for all the support over the years from Revd Mark and Matthew and especially Brian and Edward who fold half the weekly newssheets between the services.

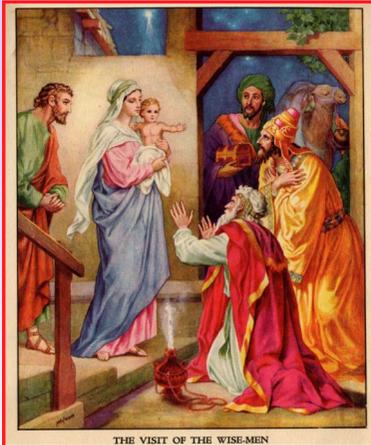
EPIPHANY - Matthew 2 - The Magi Visit the Messiah

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



LOCAL FOCUS ON WOLVERHAMPTON'S ST PETER'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH
The first church on this site was built in the year 994 built by Lady Wulfrun. So prayers have been said on this

site for over a thousand years. During Bishop Paul's short break last week, he and Emily visited the church. We both found it warm and interesting although the marriage of the old and new seems rather out of place. Work on the present building began in 1425 and was modified by mediaeval builders at the beginning of the 16th century. The chancel was completely rebuilt in 1867. In 1479 King Edward IV united the Deanery of Wolverhampton with the Deanery of Windsor where he had recently built the chapel of St George and appointed Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Salisbury, as the first Dean of Windsor and Wolverhampton. The font, which Emily was allowed to reveal was carved in 1480 and two of its panels recall the union of the two Deaneries. By the way, the meaning of the word collegiate is a church endowed for a chapter of canons but without a bishop's see.

All in all this delightful large church is well worth a visit - but don't forget to sign the visitors book. You will find my name in it too.



LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!
More Project will gather donations that can be used to assist those helping the local homeless. The project runs through the winter months. So, what are we going to do to help? Please give your donations to Bishop Paul to make sure we can make a difference. The homeless of Walsall urgently need our help.

We have raised about £660 so far!

OUR LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT 2018/19 Walsall's Winter Homeless Shelter

You may have heard that there is another appeal to help the homeless in Walsall.

So, again this year our Less Means More Project will gather donations that can be used to assist those helping the local homeless. The project runs through the winter months. So, what are we going to do to help? Please give your donations to Bishop Paul to make sure we can make a difference. The homeless of Walsall urgently need our help.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am and 3rd pm Services

Mid-week activities:

MONDAYS	10am to 1pm	Coffee and Chat
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
TUESDAYS	* 9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
* term-time only	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
	7pm	Bible Study at St Jude's
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm to 8:30pm	Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)
THURSDAYS	11am	Holy Communion
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	1pm to 2pm	Keep Dancing
	7pm to 9pm	Bible Study (every 2nd Thurs)
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10:30am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop
SUNDAY SERVICES		SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

6th January 2019 - EPIPHANY

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

am Holy Communion & pm - Bishop Paul

13th January - Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

am L-Paul, P-Colin; pm TOM AND SARAH HAIG

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Mrs Ball, Belle, Peter, Eva, June and Frank.**
- We pray for **Arline and Ernie.** Lord, we thank you for them.
- Pray for **Jenny Parsons** in her further treatment for MS etc.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert and Sarah** in France.
- Remember **June & Reg Foster.**
- Pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna.**
- Pray for **Dot.** She has not been well recently.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers.
- *Please pray for all the churches around the Diocese - St Jude's, Walsall; Emmanuel, Birmingham; Christ Church, Harlesden; Christ Church, Exeter; Christ Church, Exmouth; Christ Church, Willesborough; St Jude's, Balham; Christ Church, Broadstairs; St Francis, Shoreham; Emmanuel, Tunbridge Wells, St Peter's, Croydon and, of course, St Andrew's, Bentley.*
- Pray for the **Revd Peter Sanlon.** Pray also for the **Revd James Paice** and for James's wife, **Rosie** who has serious problems with her eyesight.
- Pray for **Janet** - She is very much up and down recently. How lovely to see them in church over the last couple of weeks.
- Pray for **Amber** and her mom, **Lisa** in your prayers.
- Pray for **Alison Bishop's mom, Audrey,** and husband **Dave.**
- Pray that the Lord will keep **Wesley** safe.
- Pray for **Lil Bradley** who was in the Manor Hospital following a bad fall at home.
- Remember **Garly, Timothy and the family** now settled in Italy. They send all their friends at St Andrew's New Year greetings.
- Please keep **Mark** (Jenn's son) in your prayers. He's up and down.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** and the church in Croydon.
- Remember the **Revds Gerald and Michael** and all the congregation at our twinned church in Shoreham-by-Sea.
- Pray for **Revd Colin** as he takes Holy Communion to the poorly.
- Please remember **Deanne** in your prayers. It was great to receive some good news recently,
- Keep **Doreen W** and **Jimmy** in your prayers. Doreen is in hospital at the moment and is very poorly, Jimmy says.
- Please pray for **Jean Salt** and her mobility difficulties that put her back into hospital again.
- Please keep **Bill and Sharon's** daughter, **Alison** in your prayers.
- Please pray that the arrangements for **Bishop Josep's** move to England in 2019, will go smoothly and that their house sells in Brazil.
- Pray for **Mary Jennings** who is now in a Home in Willenhall.
- Remember **Pamela** in your prayers as she is now out of hospital, but still very poorly.
- Pray for all **members** suffering with coughs and colds.
- Remember **Iris Tew** who had a fall recently.
- Please remember the family of **Terry Ratcliffe** who has sadly passed away. Terry had had a few problems with a newly fitted pacemaker.
- Remember the family of **David Wright** who suddenly passed away on Friday. Bishop Paul sees the family on Monday.
- Remember Bishop's **Auntie Iris** who has had a fall and broken her hip. Thankfully it has now been replaced at The Manor.



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!
Prayer is vital for the spiritual health of our church.
Please add all those on this prayer sheet to your own prayers - daily!
O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.
Psalm 30:2



PAUL DUTTON

How lovely to have Paul (Nigel's son) and the family Tanya, and children Seth and Orla, at last Sunday's Family Praise. He played a Graham Kendrick song - 'What Can I Do?' He even made Bishop Paul's guitar sound good!

Ask God for a dream

'Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed.'
 Genesis 42:9

The dream God gave Joseph sustained him through experiences that would crush many of us. He was resented by his family, repeatedly tempted by his boss's wife, then thrown into prison for thirteen years for a crime he never committed. Yet at his lowest points God was with him, arranging each step he took and positioning him to fulfil his calling as the deliverer of his people. The psalmist talks about the strange way in which God led Joseph: 'Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them – Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with shackles and placed his neck in an iron collar. Until the time came to fulfil his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character' (Psalm 105:17-19). Your gender does not limit God, and your age is no problem to Him. Society may glamorise youth and marginalise old age, but your season of life doesn't limit God. But in order to have confidence that God will fulfil your dream, you must know that it was born of His Spirit:



'Those who are in the flesh cannot please God' (Romans 8:8). Your dream cannot be born out of your unmet ego needs, or a selfish desire to have the same level of success as someone else, or your need to 'prove' something to someone like your family, or your boss, or your peers, etc. Check the source of your dream, because when God is the source, He will provide all the resources necessary to fulfil it. Do you have a dream? No? Ask God to give you one!

Bible Study Group

THIS THURSDAY (10 JANUARY)
 6:30 for 7pm start - finish 9pm

This is being run by Andrew and Selina - students from the local theological college in Leamore.

(This will initially be held monthly, every 2nd Thursday)

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