

PRIMLEY CHURCH - JANUARY 2023

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling

Jan 8th - New Year Community Friendship Lunch

Jan 18th- 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 29th - Church Meeting

ROTAS					
January	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Elder	Barbara	Roger	Maggie	Marilyn	Barbara
Door Stewards	Alison	Chrissy	Jill	Sue	Alison
COMMUNION - Mary and Marilyn					
JANUARY			PREACHERS		
1 st			Rev Caroline Stott		
8 th			Rev Caroline Stott		
15 th			Rev Sabrina Groeshel		
22 nd			Roger Stinson Communion		
29 th			Rev Edward Hulme Church Meeting		
Feb 5 th			John Bellamy		

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian festival, which starts on 6th January. It is a special date in the Christmas story as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit Jesus after he had been born. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realized something important.

In some countries many families will celebrate January 6th and exchange presents. In Spain and Latin America, *El Dia de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself. A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Día de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fireworks displays to mark the occasion.

Eastern Orthodox Christians actually celebrate Christmas on Epiphany, so it's an important religious occasion. The date of Epiphany also happens around the time for Twelfth Night too.

The giving and receiving of gifts is a central part of Christmas. The wise men brought their gifts to Jesus, as he was revealed to the world as God's wonderful gift to us. What we give back to our Lord may seem very trivial, modest and poor, but the giving of ourselves to God, is our most important gift to him. Even then this is still so small in comparison to what God has given us. Nevertheless this is the best gift that we can offer the Christ-child - the gift of ourselves.

God gave himself to us because he loves us. May his love be reflected in our lives as we worship him with all our hearts.

Please contact Maggie for anything you wish to be announced each month: maggieknights@hotmail.com, 01395 597464 or 07980 581731

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